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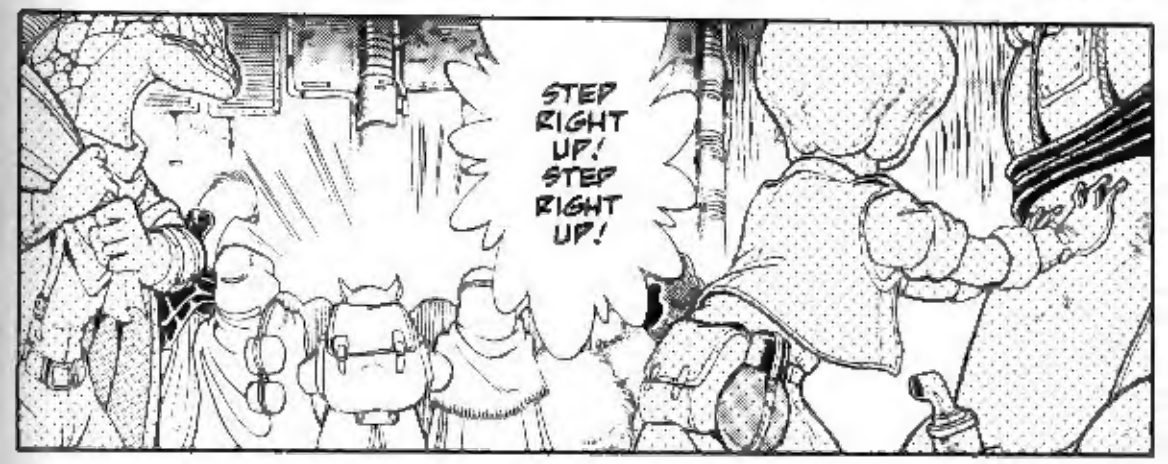
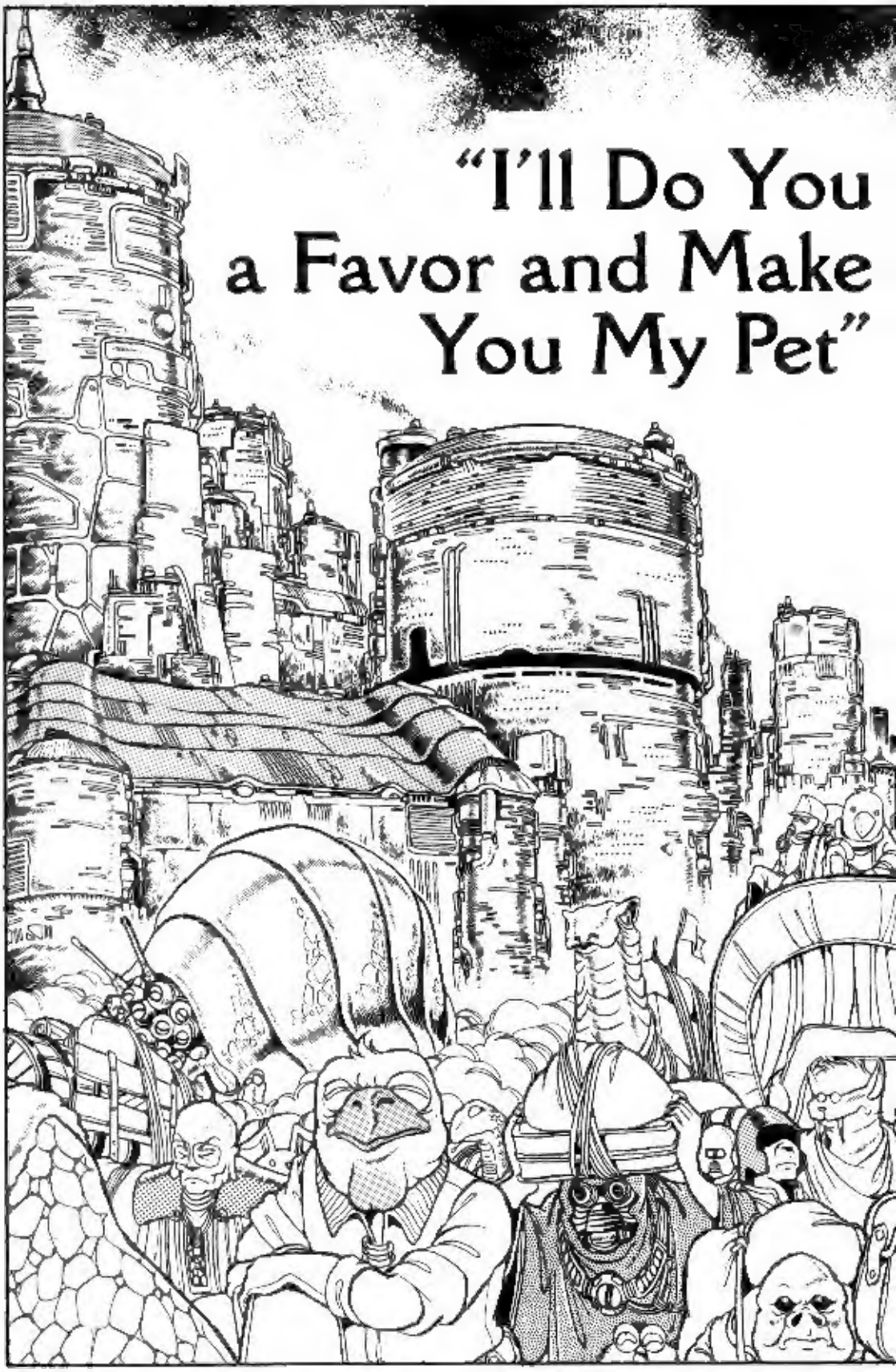

STEP RIGHT UP! STEP RIGHT UP!

YUMMY MRES, STRAIGHT FROM ARMY STORES!
EVERY MOUTHFUL PACKED WITH NUTRITION! SPECIAL THIS WEEK– TASTY FAUX BEEF PASTE!
GRAB 'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT! HARD TO GET STUFF LIKE THIS THESE DAYS!

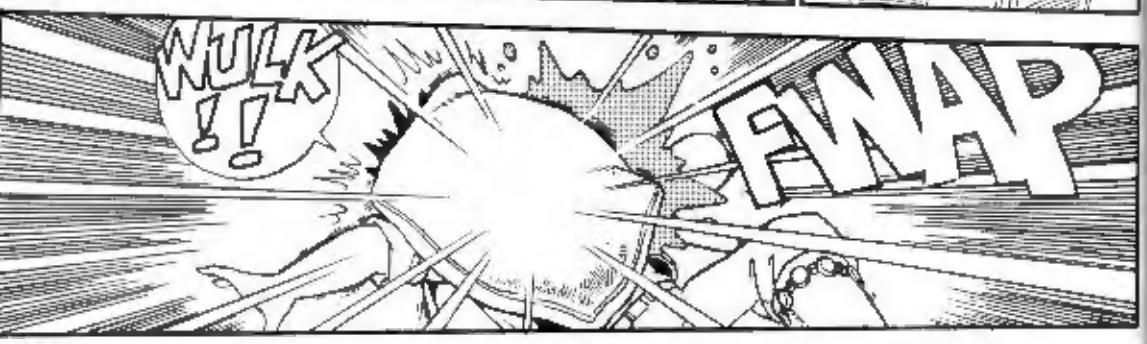

"I'll Do You
a Favor and Make
You My Pet"

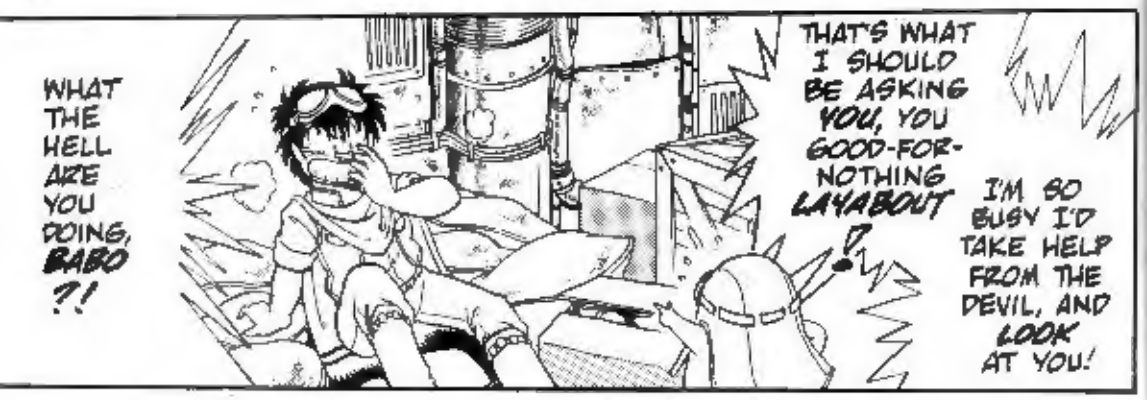
IT'S SPRING, BUT NOT A TIME OF JOY. THREE YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THE HELGEBARD EMPIRE, EXTENDING ITS TERRITORIAL AMBITIONS ACROSS THE CONTINENT, LAUNCHED A TREACHEROUS BLITZKRIEG OF AGGRESSION. ALREADY TWO-THIRDS OF THE CONTINENT HAS FALLEN UNDER THE IRON FIST OF HELGEBARD: THIRTEEN FREE NATIONS HAVE BEEN WIPED FROM THE MAP. EVEN HERE, IN BUCOLIC EKODA, WAVES OF REFUGEES ARRIVE EVERY DAY, SEEKING REFUGE FROM THE FLAMES OF WAR AT THE NORTHERNMOST EDGE OF THE CONTINENT...

YAAAAWN

WHAT A DRAG...

DOESN'T ANYTHING INTERESTIN EVER HAPPEN HERE?


WULK!!
FWAP


WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, BABO?!
THAT'S WHAT I SHOULD BE ASKING YOU, YOU GOOD-FOR-NOTHING LAYABOUT!
I'M SO BUSY I'D TAKE HELP FROM THE DEVIL, AND LOOK AT YOU!

HEY, I FIND IT, YOU SELL IT.
WE DIVVIED THIS UP, REMEMBER ?
AT LEAST YOU COULD HELP, WATARU! YOU LAZY SLUGGARD !

I'M NOT THE SALESMAN TYPE.
OH, YOU'RE NOT, ARE YOU?! SORRY! SO SORRY I TOOK YOUR PRECIOUS TIME!
HMPH!

YOU'RE A THIEVING SCOUNDREL! THAT'S FIVE TIMES WHAT THESE CIGARETTES OUGHTA COST!
YEAH, WELL, YOU KNOW-- TIMES SURE ARE TOUGH, AREN'T THEY?! HEH HEH...

PLEASE, KIND SIR. THIS IS ALL I HAVE LEFT-- WON'T YOU SELL ME JUST A LITTLE?
MY BABY HASN'T HAD ANYTHING TO EAT FOR THREE DAYS..
NO WAY! ABSOLUTELY NOT! GET OUTTA HERE! SCRAM!!

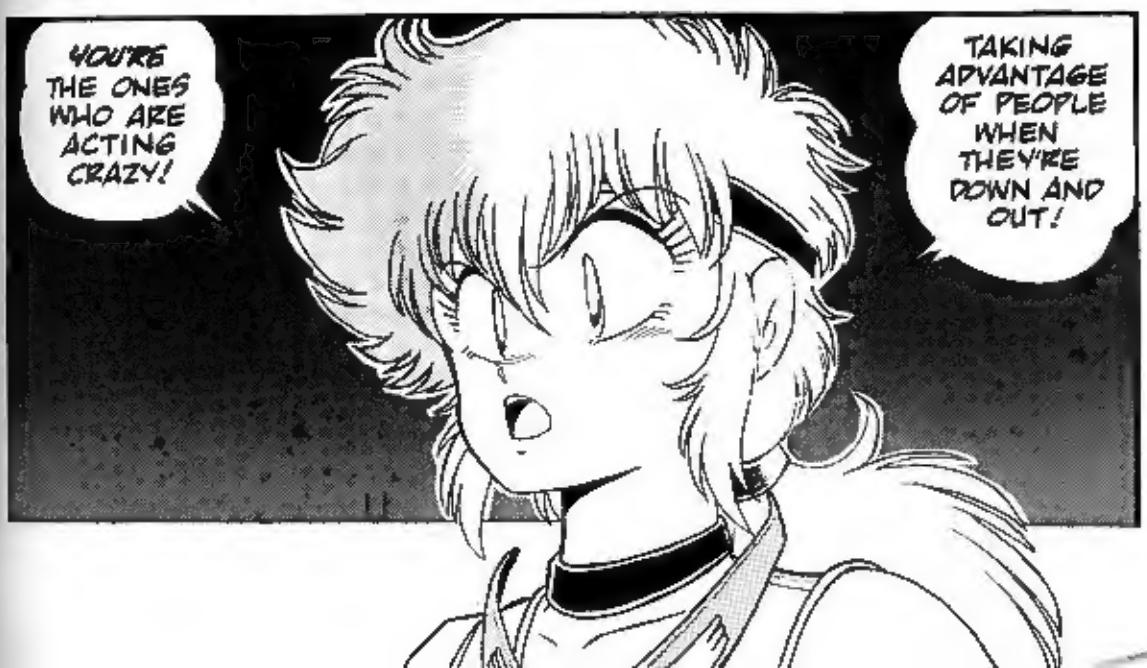
OH, PLEASE... PLEASE DON'T TURN US AWAY! I'LL DO ANYTHING TO PAY YOU BACK.
I SAID NO, I MEANT NO! NOW BUG OFF BEFORE I SIC THE DOGS ON YOU !!

HEY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH GIVING HER A BREAK? SHE'S IN TROUBLE, RIGHT?
WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT, WATARU?! WE'RE A BUSINESS, NOT A CHARITY !!

A BUSINESS...? SURE, RIGHT-- RIPPING OFF ARMY SUPPLIES AND DUMPING THEM ON THE BLACK MARKET.
WHAT A CYNIC! WE'RE JUST HELPING OUT ALL THOSE POOR, STARVING CIVILIANS.
WE ARE, HUH? SO THAT'S WHY YOU SOLD THOSE CORPSES AS HAM--PUBLIC CHARITY?
HEY, WHAT'S THE DIFF? WHO'D EVER KNOW? WHO'D EVER KNOW, HUH?!
JEEZ, YOU REALLY ARE THE SCUM OF THE EARTH.
GO AHEAD! CALL ME ANYTHING! MONEY MAKES THE WORLD GO AROUND, MY BOY! MONEY, LOVELY MONEY!!
MAYBE IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE UNIVERSE IF I JUST BUMPED HIM OFF...
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO GET LOST!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! THERE'S NOT MUCH LEFT, FOLKS! STEP RIGHT UP!!
I HEAR NOTHIN', I SEE NOTHIN'!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, YOU BITCH!?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO MY BUSINESS ?!
YOU'RE GOING TO SELL THIS WOMAN FOOD-- RIGHT NOW!

LOOK, BIMBO...I'LL SELL TO ANYONE IF THEY GOT THE MONEY.
BUT NO MONEY, NO SALE.
BABO! WHAT'S UP ?!
NOTHING... JUST THIS LITTLE GIRLIE HERE'S ACTING CRAZY.


YOU'RE THE ONES WHO ARE ACTING CRAZY!
TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PEOPLE WHEN THEY'RE DOWN AND OUT!

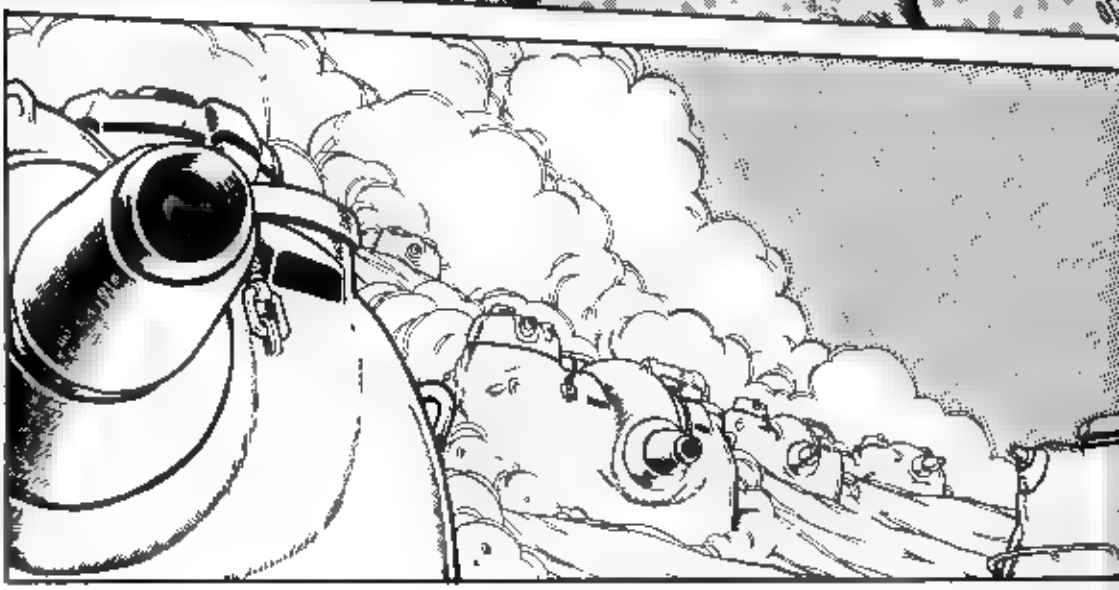
HEY!
HERE-- TAKE THIS AND RUN ALONG.
BUT...
BUT, I HAVENT--
AIEEEE!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! THIEF! ROBBER!
I'LL CALL THE COPS!!
GOMPH
URNK!
WHMP
BABO!!
HEY, YOU! STOP RIGHT THERE!

I DON'T KNOW WHO THE HELL YOU ARE, BUT YOU GOT A LOT OF NERVE!
OH, PEAK...
THIS CREEP MAY BE THE SCUM OF THE EARTH, BUT HE'S STILL MY PARTNER!
POKE PROD
YOU THINK I'M GONNA LET YOU PLAY FOOTBALL WITH HIM? BETTER THINK AGAIN!
HEY!
....
OH, YEAH ?!
THINK YOU CAN LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT AND GET AWAY WITH IT ?!
GET HER!
VNNNNNN
!

VRNNVRNN

THE HELGEBARD AIR FORCE!
A WHOLE FLEET OF STRATO-BOMBERS!
HELGEBARD? HERE?!
MAJOR BAD NEWS!
NO TIME FOR STREET FIGHTS!
AIEEEEEE!
RMBRMBRMB
HEY, YOU!! WAIT A SEC!!
COME BACK HERE, DAMN YOU!!
YOU MORON! FORGET ABOUT THAT BROAD! HELP ME PACK THE LOOT!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID THIS PLACE WAS SAFE! AN OPEN CITY!
GEE, DID I? REALLY..?

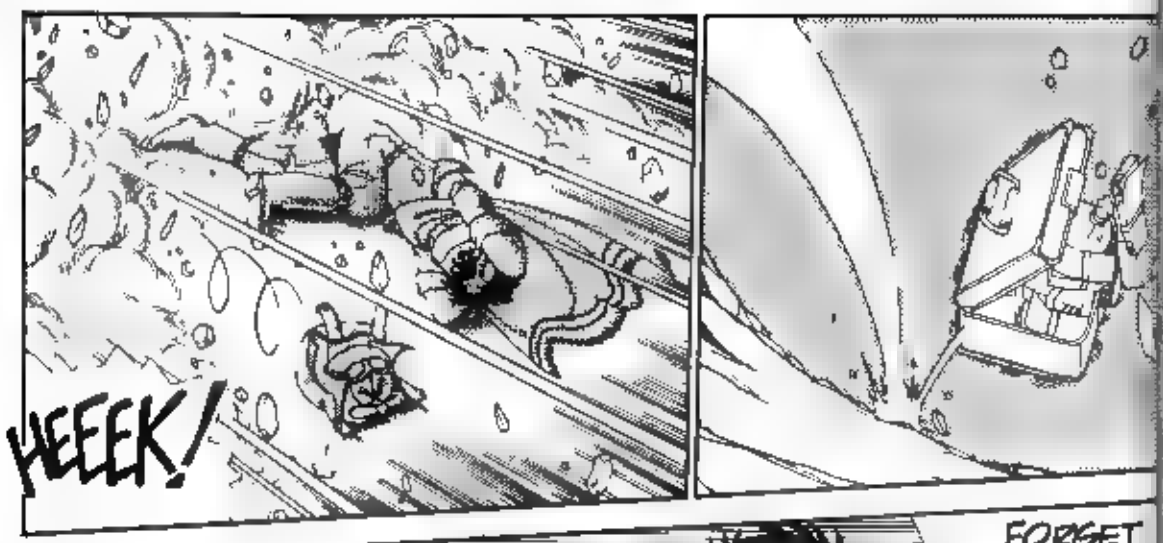
VRNN VRNN



VVRRNN
WRAN

BOOM!
AIEE EEE!
SMASH!
RUN FOR IT! THEY'LL KILL US ALL!!
SOMEBODY HELP ME!

WHKOOOM
YA-IEE!


HEEEK!

OHMIGOD!! MY LOVELY M-MONEY!!
FORGET THAT CRAP! YOU WANT TO LIVE?!

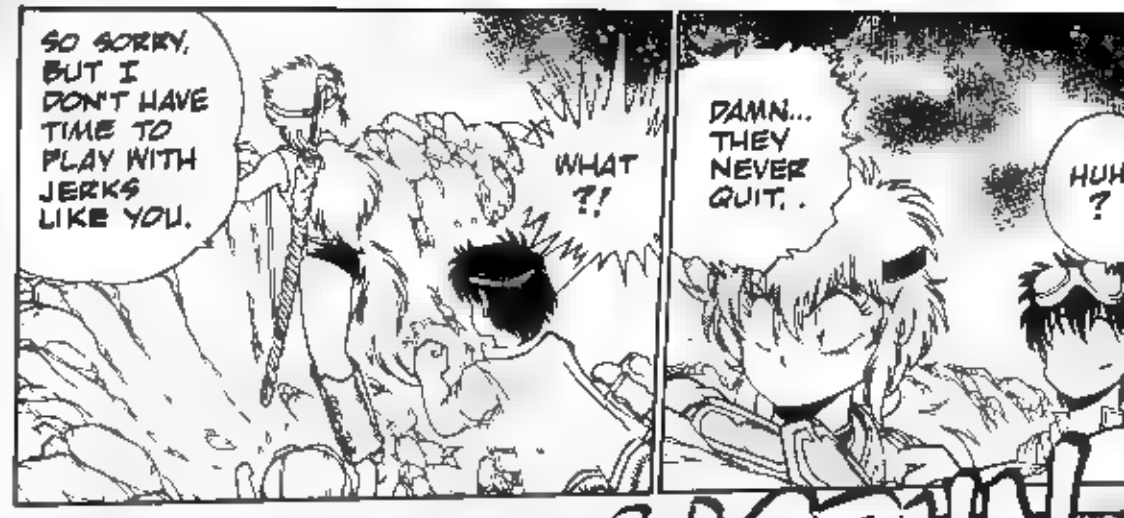
BKAM
AAGGHH!

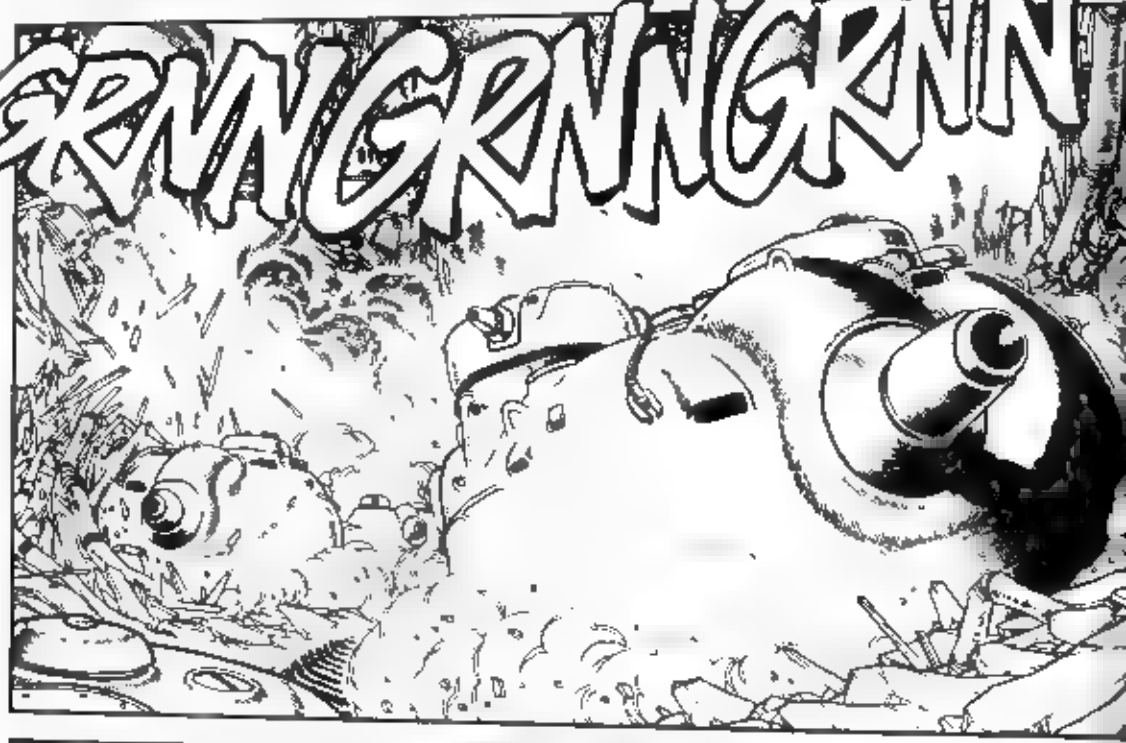
sniff
sniff
WOULD YOU MOVE IT, YOU BLOODY FOOL?!

YARGG! YOU STINKING HELGEBARD SHIT-FOR-BRAINS PUKES!!
YOU #$%@ SCUMBAGS! I'LL MURDER YOU ALL! DIE SCREAMING!
BRRTTTTT
ARE YOU COMPLETELY NUTS?!?
YAW!
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MARBLES? YOU'LL GET KILLED!
B-BUT... MY MONEY... ~snf~

!!
LUNCH!
KRAK
OUCH!
GMPH

EEEEK! IT'S ALIVE !!!
WHAT THE--
Owwww Ow Ow...
HOW-- HOW DARE YOU! YOU FILTHY LITTLE PERVERT !!
STICKING YOUR NOSE INTO... UH...!!
AW, STUFF IT! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO JUMPED ON ME, YOU--
Huh?!!
IT'S THAT TROUBLE-MAKING BROAD !
YOU'RE RIGHT! THIEF! ROBBER!
GREAT... YOU GUYS AGAIN.


SO SORRY, BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PLAY WITH JERKS LIKE YOU.
WHAT ?!
DAMN... THEY NEVER QUIT. .
HUH ?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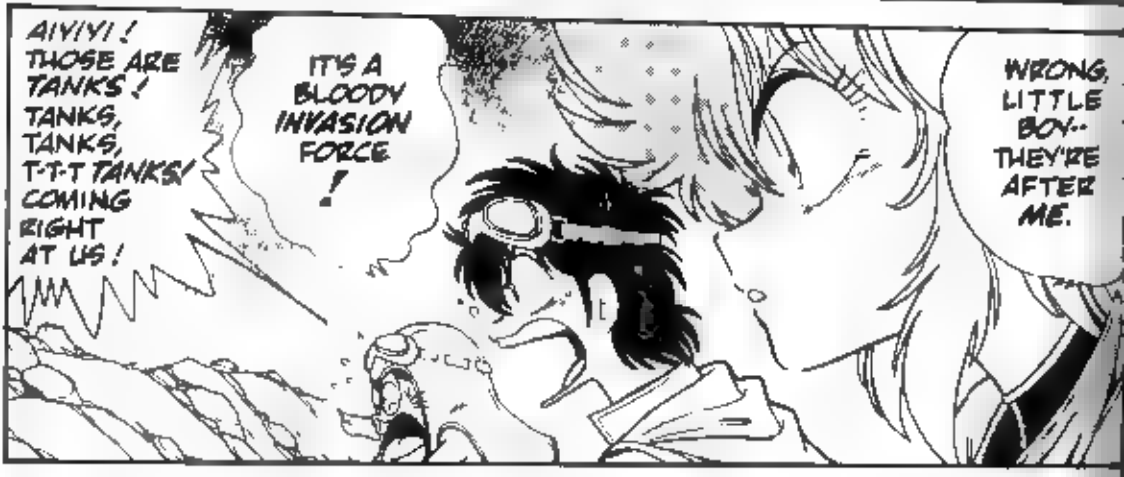
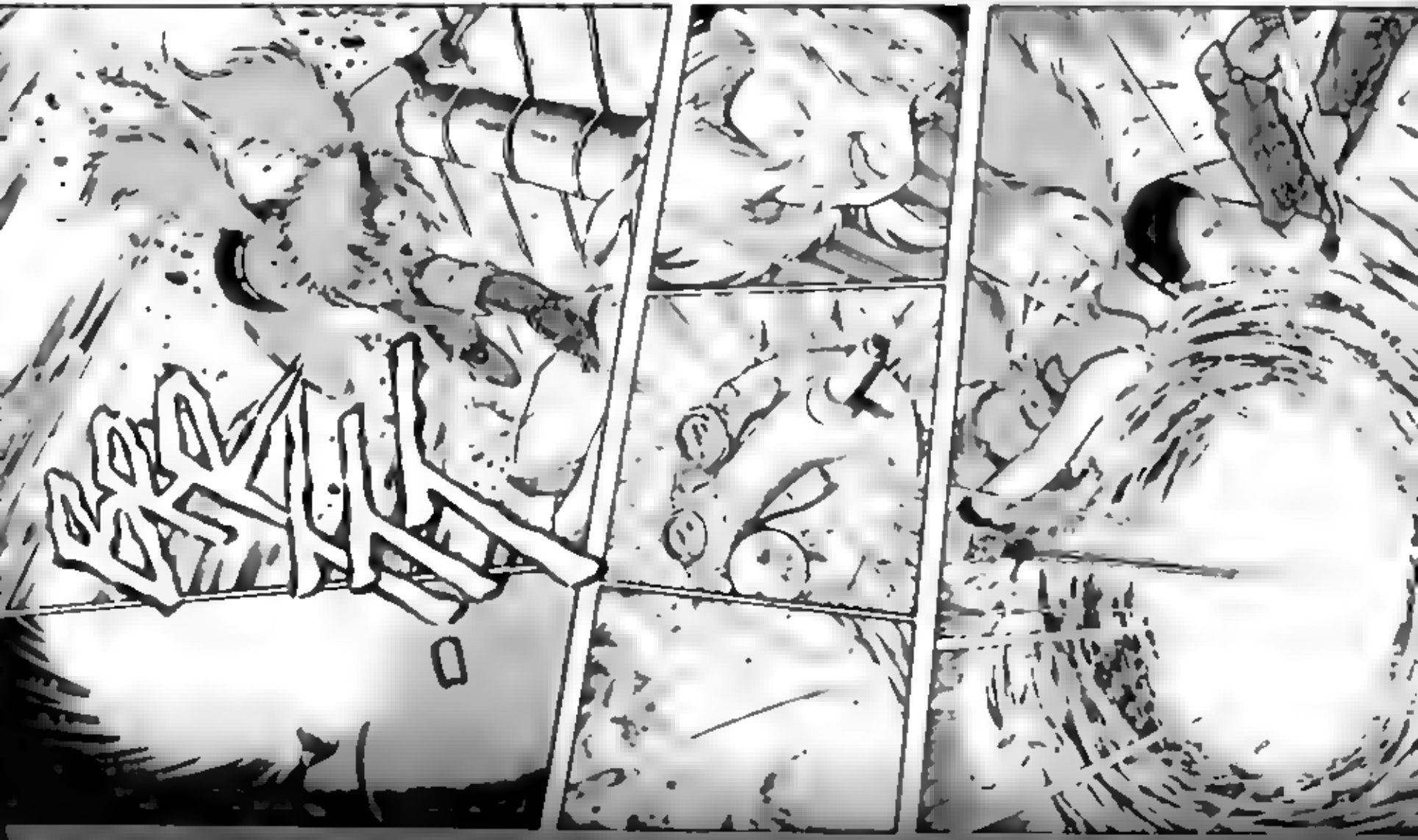

AIYIYI! THOSE ARE TANKS! TANKS, TANKS, T-T-T TANKS! COMING RIGHT AT US!
IT'S A BLOODY INVASION FORCE!
WRONG, LITTLE BOY-- THEY'RE AFTER ME.

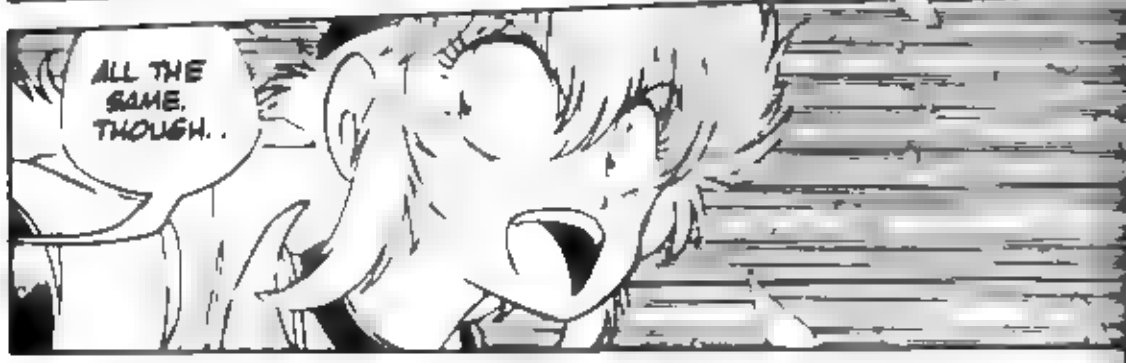
HUH ?
SAY WHAT ?
YOU'LL SEE IN A MINUTE.
HEY, YOU IDIOT! STOP !!
DAMMIT! COME BACK HERE! YOU'LL DIE!!
LET HER GO, LET HER GO.
SHE MUST BE MAD AS A FRUITBAT... BAD NEWS ALL AROUND.
WOMEN LIKE THAT ARE BETTER OFF DEAD.
YOU REALLY ARE A SCUMBAG.
OH, GO ON-- TELL ME MORE. ♡

SHRAK
WHAT THE HELL?!



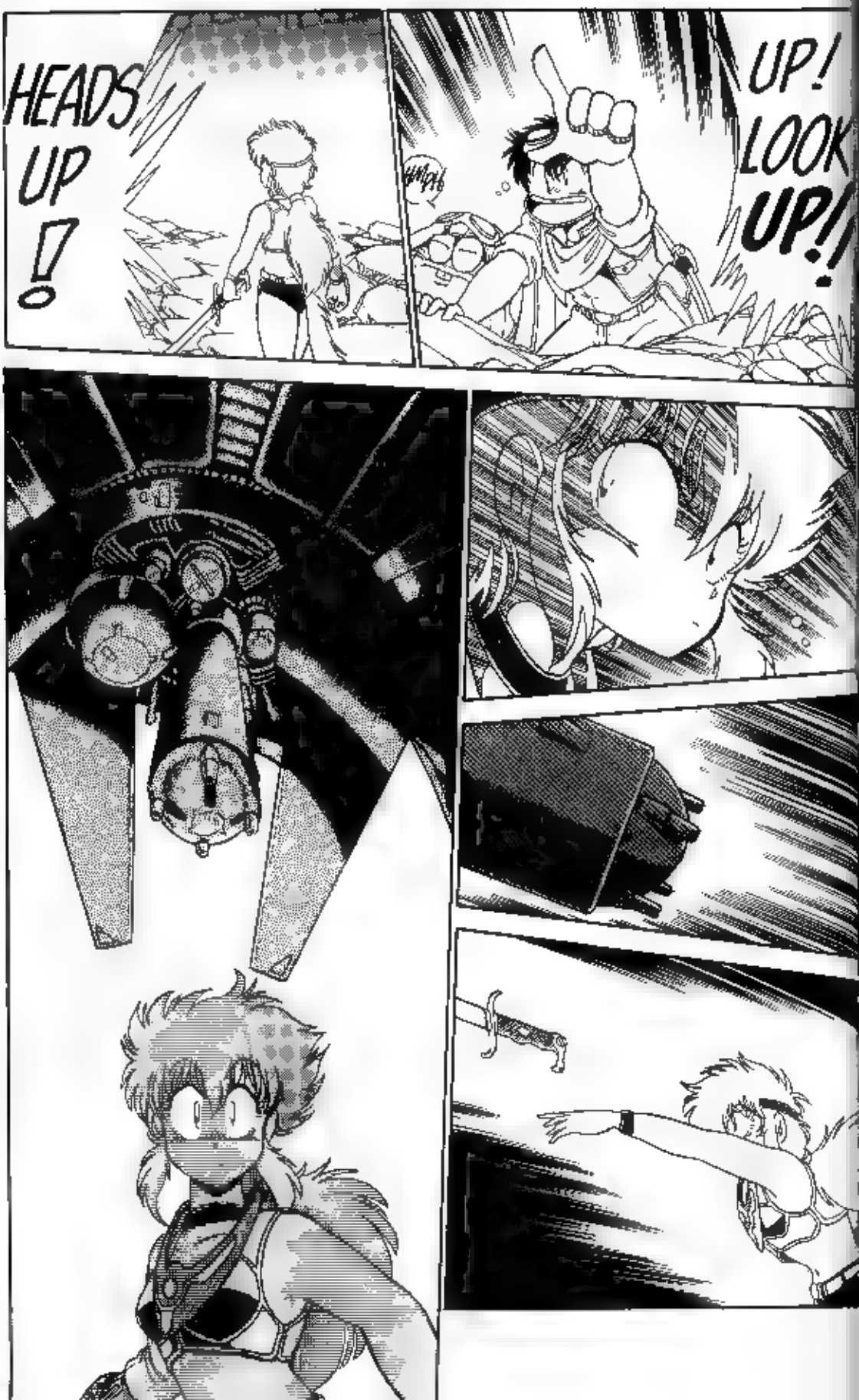
SKRRRRRT
I-I DON'T BELIEVE IT! SHE BLEW IT TO SMITHEREENS! WITH A SWORD !!

JEEZ-- WHY DID SHE HAVE TO ATOMIZE IT LIKE THAT ?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN ?
I COULD HAVE MADE A BUNDLE SELLING THAT ARMOR PLATE TO A SCRAP-YARD I KNOW ABOUT.
WILL YOU STOP THINKING LIKE THAT ?!


ALL THE SAME, THOUGH..

...WHO THE HELL IS SHE ?
I'VE NEVER SEEN HER AROUND BEFORE.
MAKING MONEY IS MY LIFE-- LET LESSER MINDS WORRY ABOUT THE DETAILS.

SPAAKKK


HEADS UP!
UP! LOOK UP!!

B-KLOOM
KRANGG
YOU'' RAN TO GO ! ATTA GIRL !!
OOMPH!

HEY, LOOK-- ARE THEY RUNNING AWAY?!
LORD ALMIGHTY!! AVIATION TITANIUM ALLOY! I'M RICH, RICH!!

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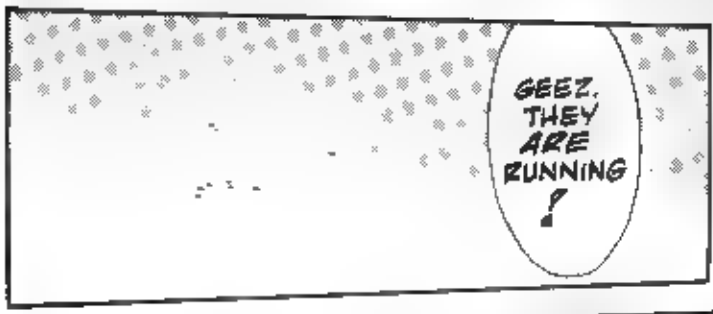
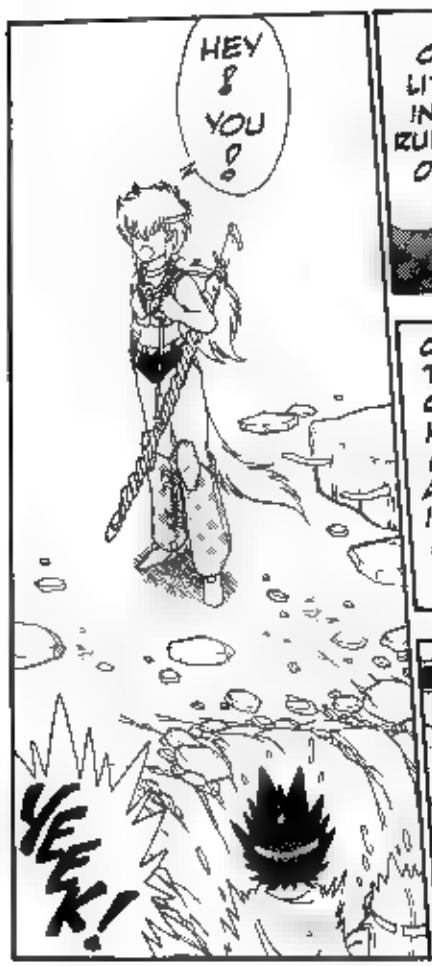

GEEZ. THEY ARE RUNNING!

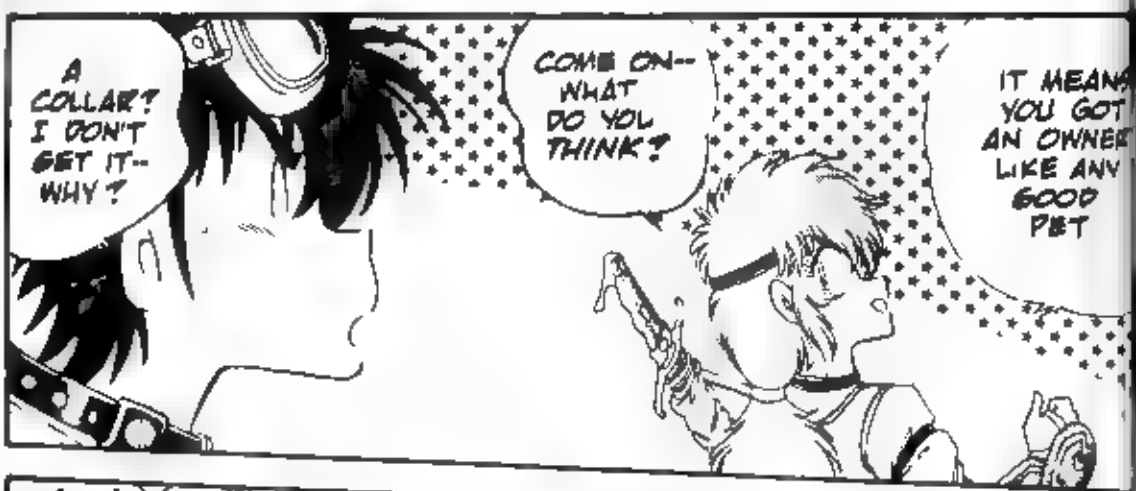

HEY! YOU!
YEEK!

OUR LITTLE INTER-RUPTION'S OVER.
STILL WANT REVENGE FOR YOUR PARTNER?

OH, NO! THAT'S OKAY! KICK HIM AGAIN IF YOU WANT!
I WAS A FOUL MISCREANT FORGIVE ME!

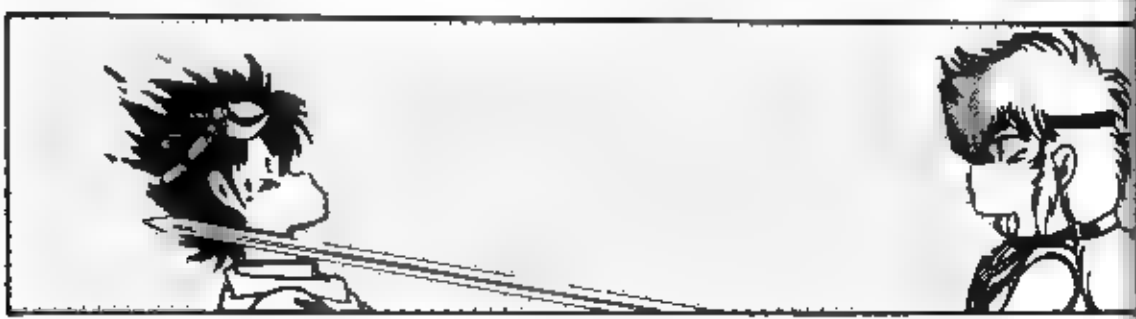
PLEASE DON'T HURT US!
AIIEEEE!

WELL, COME TO THINK OF IT, YOU DID WARN ME ABOUT THAT BOMBER.
OKAY, THEN-- I'LL REWARD YOU!
A REWARD? AW, SHUCKS-- ANYONE WOULD'VE DONE THE SAME..
BUT IF YOU INSIST.. A SMALL MONETARY TOKEN...
OH DON'T BE BASHFUL! YOU DESERVE IT!
KACHAK
HUH ?!
UHM, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BUT . WHAT IS IT?
IT'S A COLLAR, CHUM--A COLLAR !


A COLLAR? I DON'T GET IT-- WHY?
COME ON-- WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT MEANS YOU GOT AN OWNER LIKE ANY GOOD PET

WHUH WHUH WHUH
GOOD NEWS, EH, BOYS? FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE MY FAITHFUL SERVANTS--GOT IT?!

Y-YOU BITCH! I SAVE YOUR LIFE AND THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE MY REWARD ?!?
DAMN RIGHT! BABO'S NOBODY'S SLAVE!



I'M TIRED OF TRAVELING ALONE.

MAAM, IT'S A DEEP PERSONAL HONOR TO ACCOMPANY YOU!

NO WAY. ABSOLUTELY NOT!

WHMP
YOU CAN DO AS YOU LIKE
BUT I AM A FREE MAN!
BABO...
...AND I ABSOLUTELY REFUSE ON MY HONOR TO DO ANYTHING FOR FREE!
OH, VERY WELL...
FWAP!
HMM. NOT A BAD PIECE OF WORK, QUITE PURE..
IF YOU COME WITH ME, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU A COUPLE MORE...
1000 D AT LEAST
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAY SO SOONER?! A PLEASURE, YOUNG LADY!!
WHATEVER HAPPENED TO MORALS?

WELL THEN, IT'S DECIDED-- LET'S MOVE OUT!
WH-- WHERE ARE WE GOING ?
TO BEGIN WITH, WE'RE GETTING OUT OF THIS DEAD-END BURG.
AFTER THAT WELL, I DON'T REALLY KNOW.
YOU DON'T KNOW.. ?!
BY THE WAY, I ASSUME "FAITHFUL RETAINERS" GET AN ALLOWANCE, HMM ?
DON'T WORRY, I'LL FEED YOU.
THE NAME'S TORIS! MIAN TORIS !
IT'S ANY GOOD OWNER'S DUTY, AFTER ALL!
"OWNER"..
OOOH NOOO...

The Six-Million-
D.D. Girl

GRRNN
GRRNN
GRRNN

GRRNN

MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THE EKODA STRIKE WING! MIAN TORIS SIGHTED! ALL FORCES IN PURSUIT!

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY SURE IT WAS MIAN TORIS? YOU DIDN'T TRY TO STOP HER, DID YOU?

NO, SIR!

HAH! IT WAS WORTH BURNING DOWN A TOWN OR THREE FOR *THIS!*

WHERE IS SHE NOW?

STILL SEARCHING, SIR. WE'VE ALSO PUT OUT WARRANTS FOR HER TWO COMPANIONS, SIR.

COMPANION?!

YES, SIR--TWO BLACK MARKETEERS. PRETTY WELL KNOWN IN THESE PARTS

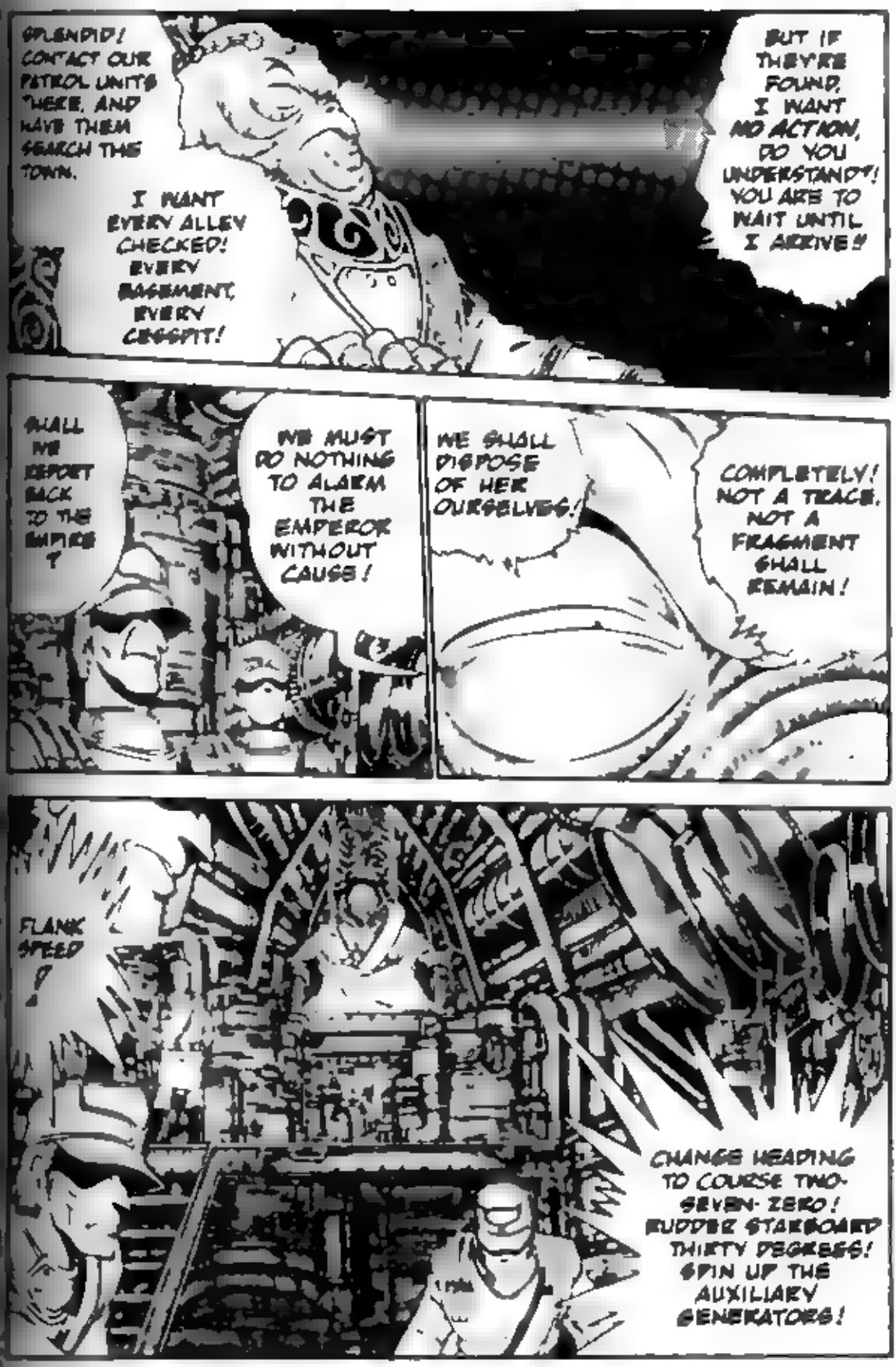
WE'LL BRING THEM IN WITH HER.

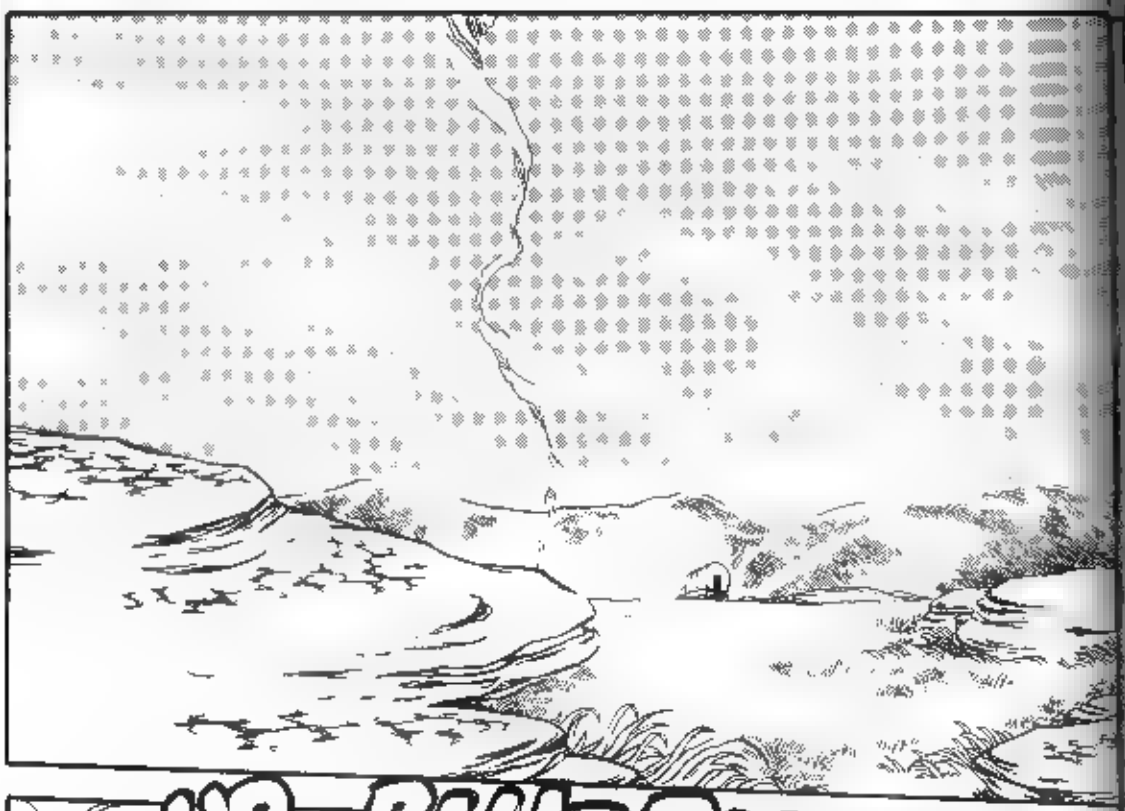
VERY ODD, INDEED...SHE'S ALWAYS WORKED ALONE BEFORE...

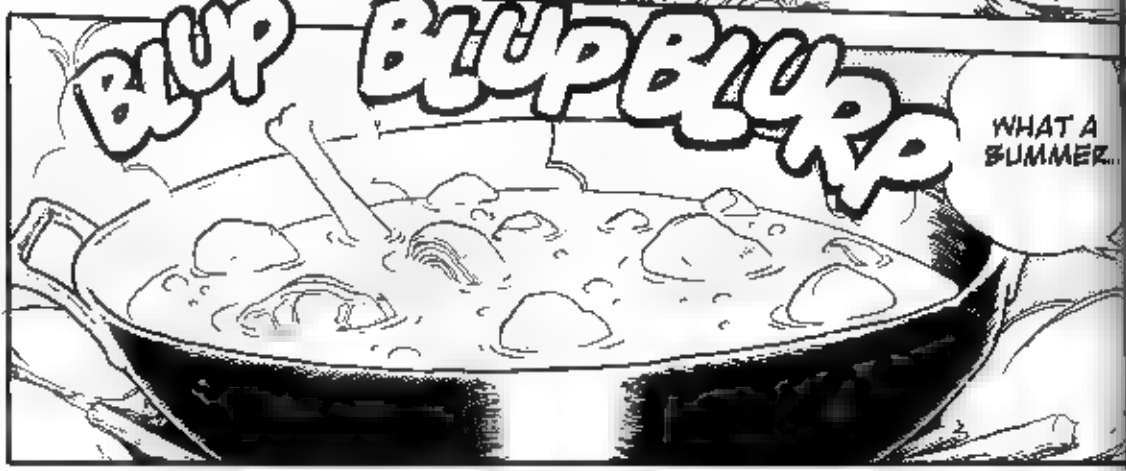
SIR?

IT DOESN'T MATTER SO--WHERE'S THE NEAREST TOWN?

THERE'S ONE TO THE SOUTH... *NERIMA* I BELIEVE.


SPLENDID! CONTACT OUR PATROL UNITS THERE, AND HAVE THEM SEARCH THE TOWN.
I WANT EVERY ALLEY CHECKED! EVERY BASEMENT, EVERY CESSPIT!
BUT IF THEY'RE FOUND, I WANT NO ACTION, DO YOU UNDERSTAND?! YOU ARE TO WAIT UNTIL I ARRIVE!
SHALL WE REPORT BACK TO THE EMPIRE?
WE MUST DO NOTHING TO ALARM THE EMPEROR WITHOUT CAUSE!
WE SHALL DISPOSE OF HER OURSELVES!
COMPLETELY! NOT A TRACE, NOT A FRAGMENT SHALL REMAIN!
FLANK SPEED!
CHANGE HEADING TO COURSE TWO-SEVEN-ZERO! RUDDER STARBOARD THIRTY DEGREES! SPIN UP THE AUXILIARY GENERATORS!

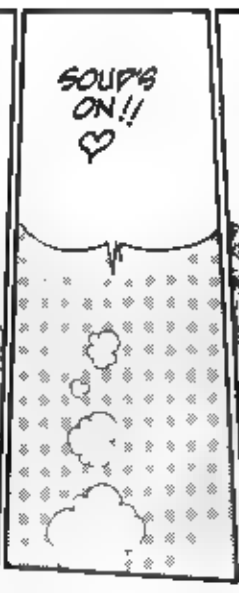



BLUP BLUPBLUPP
WHAT A BUMMER...

LIFE IS STRANGE, HUH? HOW'D THIS EVER HAPPEN...?
HEY, YOU LAZY SLUG! WHERE'S MY DINNER?!

DAMN IT ALL!
HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO WAIT, ANYWAY?!
ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT ALREADY!
MAKE SURE IT'S NOT TOO STRONG!
AND GO LIGHT ON THE ONIONS, YOU HEAR?! YOU SLICED THE POTATOES REALLY THIN, DIDN'T YOU?!
RRRGGG
JEEZ!!
WHAT A PAIN IN THE BUTT!
SHE ACTS LIKE SHE'S SOME KINDA GODDAMN QUEEN OR SOMETHING!
!
GHOOK
GURX
SPLASH

HEE HEE HEE HEE!


SOUP'S ON!!

HERE IT IS-- YUMMY YUMMY DIN-DIN!
ABOUT TIME!

HEH-- "ABOUT TIME," HUH? WE'LL SEE WHO LAUGHS LAST!!

THERE'S MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM, SO EAT UP!
HUH! IT ACTUALLY SMELLS GOOD.

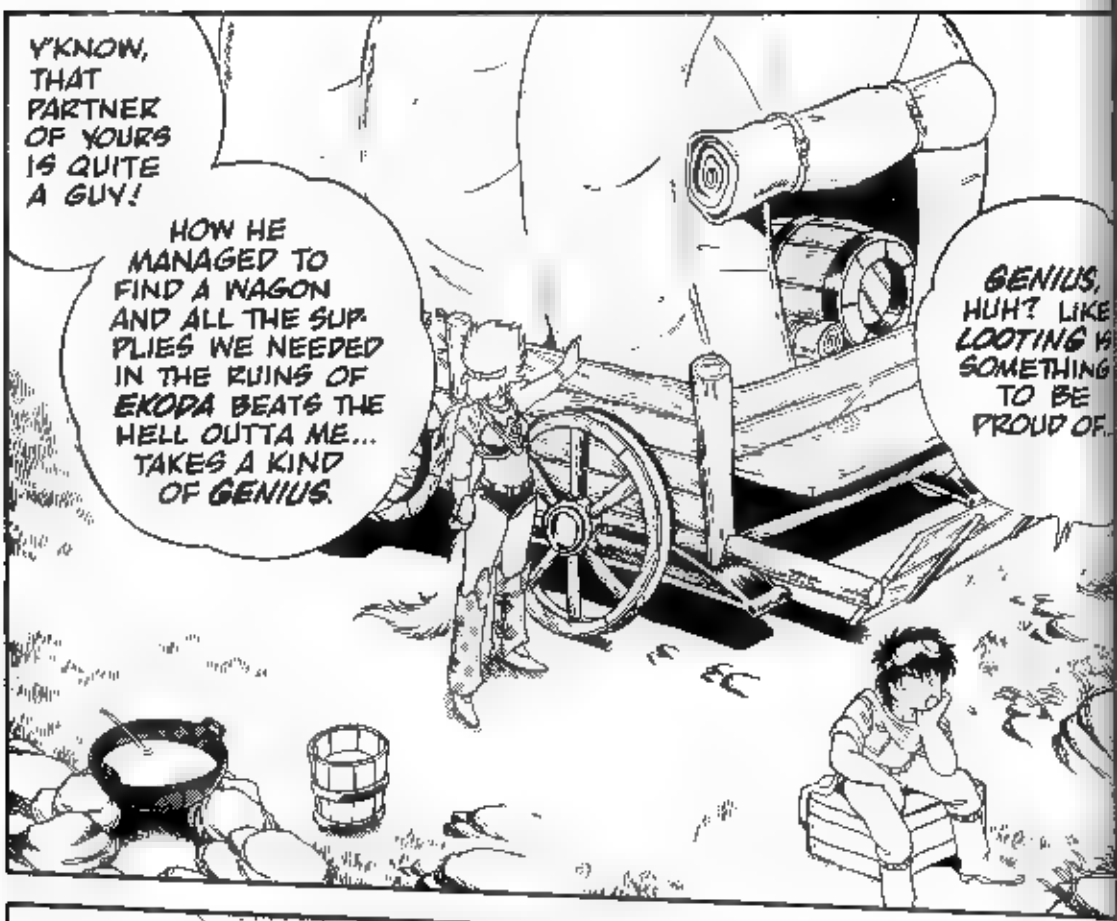
HMMMM...
YOU'RE QUITE THE COOK, AREN'T YOU, KID?

HAH HAH HAH! YEAH, WELL, I'VE BEEN ON THE ROAD, Y'KNOW. LIVE AND LEARN, EH?
FWIP

UK--

GUAAAAA

GHOK
AHG
THINK YOU'RE REAL AMUSING, I SUPPOSE.
SO LAUGH ABOUT THIS, FUNNY BOY-- THREE DAYS WITHOUT FOOD!
I.. I DON'T REALLY FEEL LIKE DIETING, HEH HEH.
IF YOU GET TOO HUNGRY, YOU CAN ALWAYS FINISH THIS, HMM?
THANKS, BUT NO THANKS !!
SPEAKING OF FOOD, YOUR LITTLE SHRIMP FRIEND'S SURE TAKING HIS TIME BUYING GRUB IN NERIMA.
GARGLE GARGLE
Pfeh
HEY, WHY CAN'T WE ALL GO INTO TOWN TOGETHER, ANYWAY?
WHY DO WE HAVETA CAMP OUT IN THE STINKIN' WOODS WHEN THERES A TOWN WITH BEDS AND SHOWERS SO CLOSE?
BECAUSE NERIMA'S UNDER HELGEBARD OCCUPATION, THAT'S WHY!
IF THE GARRISON SPOTTED US, THINGS COULD GET... NASTY.


Y'KNOW, THAT PARTNER OF YOURS IS QUITE A GUY!
HOW HE MANAGED TO FIND A WAGON AND ALL THE SUPPLIES WE NEEDED IN THE RUINS OF EKODA BEATS THE HELL OUTTA ME... TAKES A KIND OF GENIUS.
GENIUS, HUH? LIKE LOOTING IS SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF.

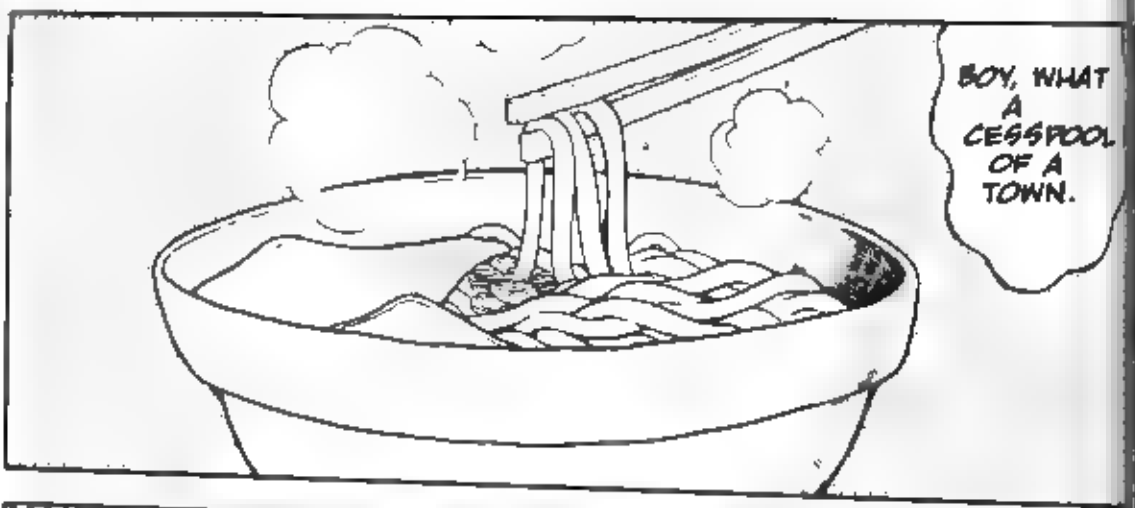
MAYBE NOT, BUT IT'S BETTER THAN HAVING NO GENIUS AT ALL, EH?

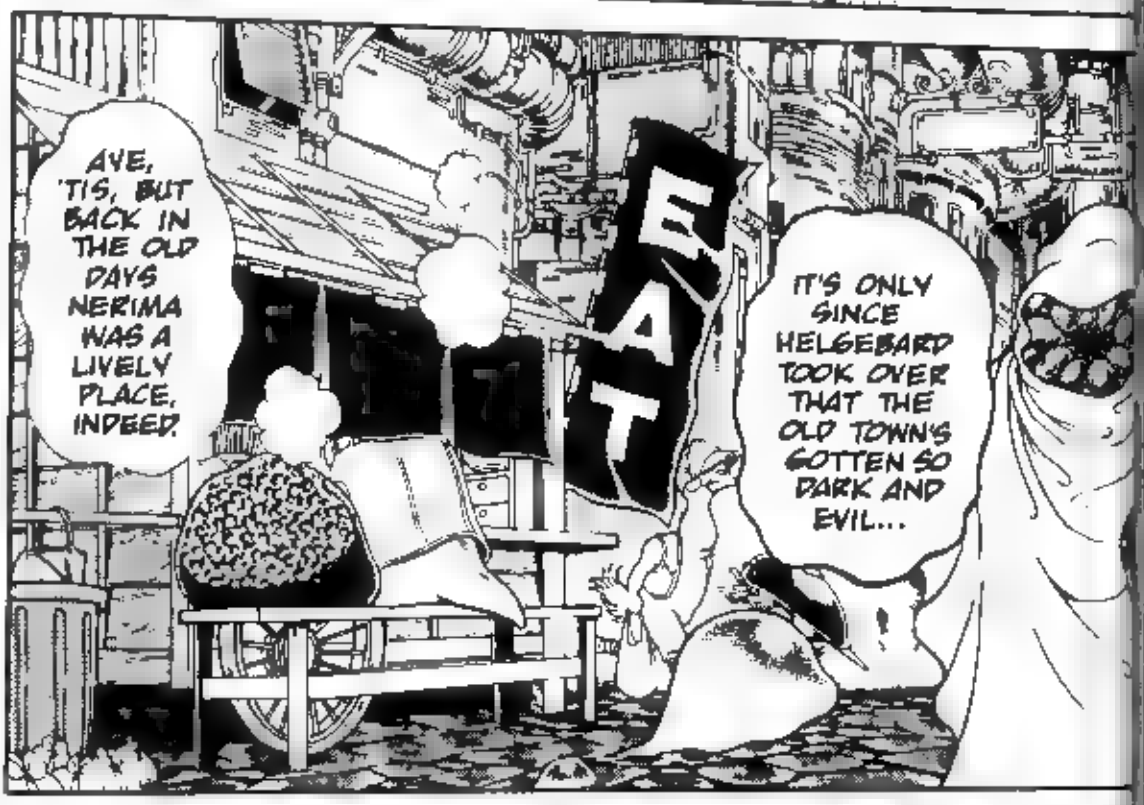
AW, C'MON!! DON'T TELL ME COOKING AND LAUNDRY IS ALL YOU'RE GOOD FOR.
RRGG!

HEY DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD
EVERY MASTER NEEDS A SERVANT LIKE YOU, TOO
POOR GUY WELL, NOT EVERYBODY CAN--
ENOUGH! I QUIT! I QUIT RIGHT NOW!!
AAH?
YAIEEEE! I CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE! I CAN'T TAKE THIS LIFE!!
THIS LIFE?
IT'S ONLY BEEN HALF A DAY
AAK SHUT UP!! I CAN'T TAKE ANOTHER SECOND!!

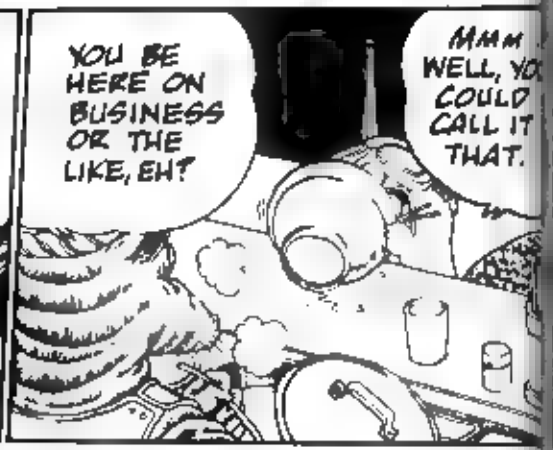
I'M A MAN, NOT AN ANIMAL!! I CAN'T LIVE AS A SERVANT TO A...A VIXEN LIKE YOU!
SERVANT, HELL! TRY PET!! YOU EVEN PUT A COLLAR ON ME!
ANYWAY, DEAR, I'M OUTTA HERE!
YOU WANT TO KILL ME, JUST GO RIGHT AHEAD!!
ADIOS! GIVE MY BEST TO YOUR PRECIOUS BABO!
.....
YOU CAN'T TAKE OFF THAT COLLAR, YOU KNOW.
THIS THING? HELL, I'LL JUST GET SOME MACHINE SHOP IN TOWN TO SAW IT OFF WITH A DIAMOND CUTTER.
SKRTCH

WHA.. WHAT THE?
IT, ..IT'S GETTING--
SKRNCH!
SO, ANYWAY.. THAT'S THE WAY IT WORKS, Y'SEE? ♡
YOU-- -:hhrk!:-
YOU AND YOUR DAMNED TRICKS!
YOU BETTER CHANGE YOUR MIND, OR IT'S STRAIGHT TO VALHALLA, SWEETIE.
N-NUTS TO YOU!
HNGGRK!
NOT MUCH TIME LEFT..
HHNGGARRGG!


BOY, WHAT A CESSPOOL OF A TOWN.


AYE, 'TIS, BUT BACK IN THE OLD DAYS NERIMA WAS A LIVELY PLACE, INDEED.
EAT
IT'S ONLY SINCE HELGEBARD TOOK OVER THAT THE OLD TOWN'S GOTTEN SO DARK AND EVIL...

EVEN THE BROTH IN YOUR SOUP IS BLACK! THIS BURG GIVES ME THE WILLIES..
YOU MUST HAIL FROM THE WESTLANDS, I WAGER?


YOU BE HERE ON BUSINESS OR THE LIKE, EH?
MMM WELL, YO COULD CALL IT THAT.

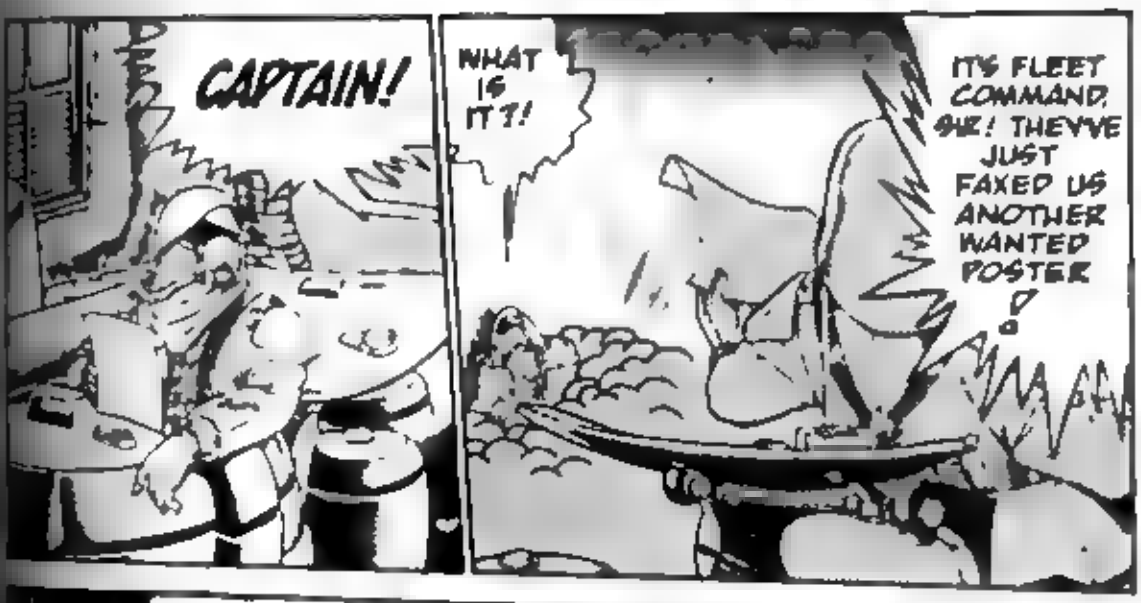
WELL THEN, I'VE GOT THE ONIONS, MUSHROOMS. HMM.
GUESS THAT'S THE LOT.
BUT WHY DO I HAVE TO RUN ERRANDS LIKE THIS, ANYWAY?
THAT WOMAN TREATS HER PEOPLE LIKE DIRT, THAT'S WHY.
THE WAY I SEE IT, SHE'S GOT TO BE A BANDIT OR SOMETHING.
NO MISTAKE!
I BET SHE'S SMUGGLED A LOAD OF WAR LOOT OUT OF THE BATTLE ZONE AND HAS IT HIDDEN AWAY SOMEWHERE!
THAT'S WHY THE MILITARY'S CHASING HER ALL THE TIME.
THE WAY I FIGURE IT, WE'RE HEADING STRAIGHT FOR HER TREASURE TROVE. PLAY MY CARDS RIGHT, AND IT'S MINE! ALL MINE!!
NYA HA HA HA HA!
HUH?
WHAT'S THE HUBBUB?

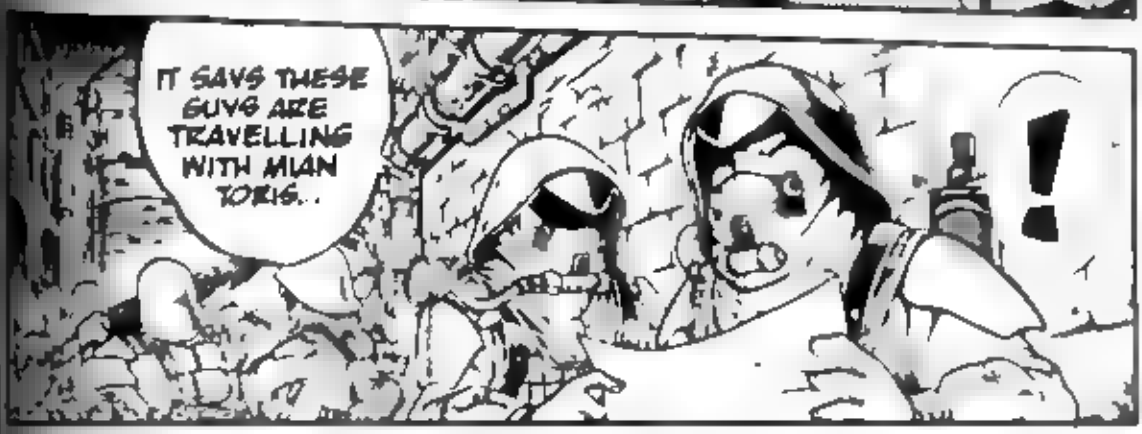
!
THIS IS JUST GREAT-- THERE'S A HELGEBARD GARRISON IN TOWN!
HMM SOMETHING'S UP, I FEEL IT IN MY MONEY POUCH...
SO SORRY, SO SORRY, EXCUSE ME!
JUST PASSING THROUGH! SORRY!
--TRY TO HIDE HER TRY TO PROTECT HER AND YOU WILL ALL BE VERY, VERY SORRY!
WHAK
UNDERSTAND?! THIS WOMAN, MIAN TORIS, IS A MONSTER! THE MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINAL SINCE THE FOUNDING OF THE EMPIRE!
WE MUST FIND HER, ARREST HER, AND PUT HER TO DEATH!

KA-CHINGGGGG!!

6,000,000 D. D.

SIX MILLION O'D JUST FOR INFORMATION ?!
BY THE GODS, THAT'S ENOUGH TO BUY ME A GOLD MINE!
HEY! I SAW THE LADY IN A VALLEY UP NORTH!
NO SHE WAS IN THE SOUTH MARKET JUST THIS MORNING!
SHE WAS AT THE SQUARE NORTH OF TALAK STREET. I SWEAR IT!
YEEK!
THE HELL SHE WAS! I SEEN HER WORKING AS A BAR GIRL UPTOWN!
GET BACK! BACK ALL OF YOU! SILENCE! SILENCE !!
IT'S THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR FALSE REPORTS !
IS ALL THAT TRUE ?!
WHO THE HELL ARE YOU ?!!
FLAT CASH PAYMENT? YOU DON'T TAKE OUT ANY FOR TAXES, NOW DO YOU?
WORRY ABOUT THE TAXES AFTER YOU'VE CAUGHT HER!
KWOK
YAHOO!!


CAPTAIN!
WHAT IS IT?!
IT'S FLEET COMMAND, SIR! THEY'VE JUST FAXED US ANOTHER WANTED POSTER!


IT SAYS THESE GUYS ARE TRAVELLING WITH MIAN TORIS...
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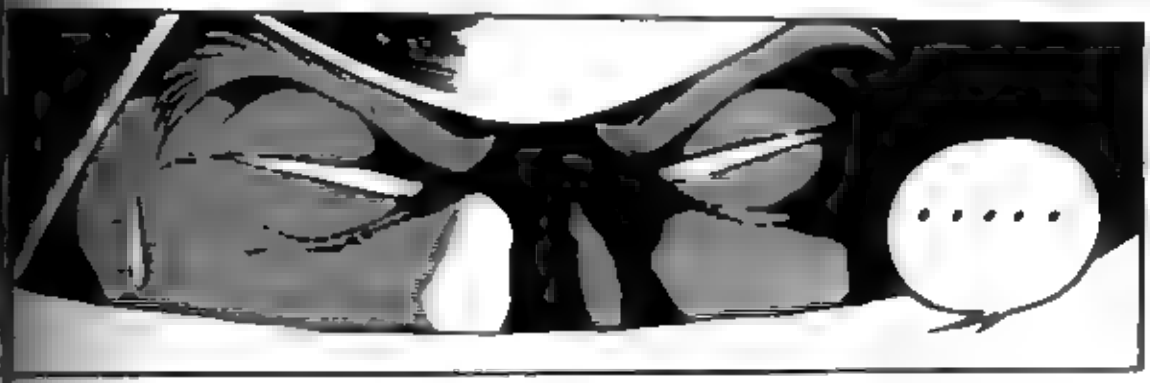
IT SEEMS THEY'RE BLACK MARKETEERS, SIR. PRETTY WELL KNOWN AROUND THESE PARTS...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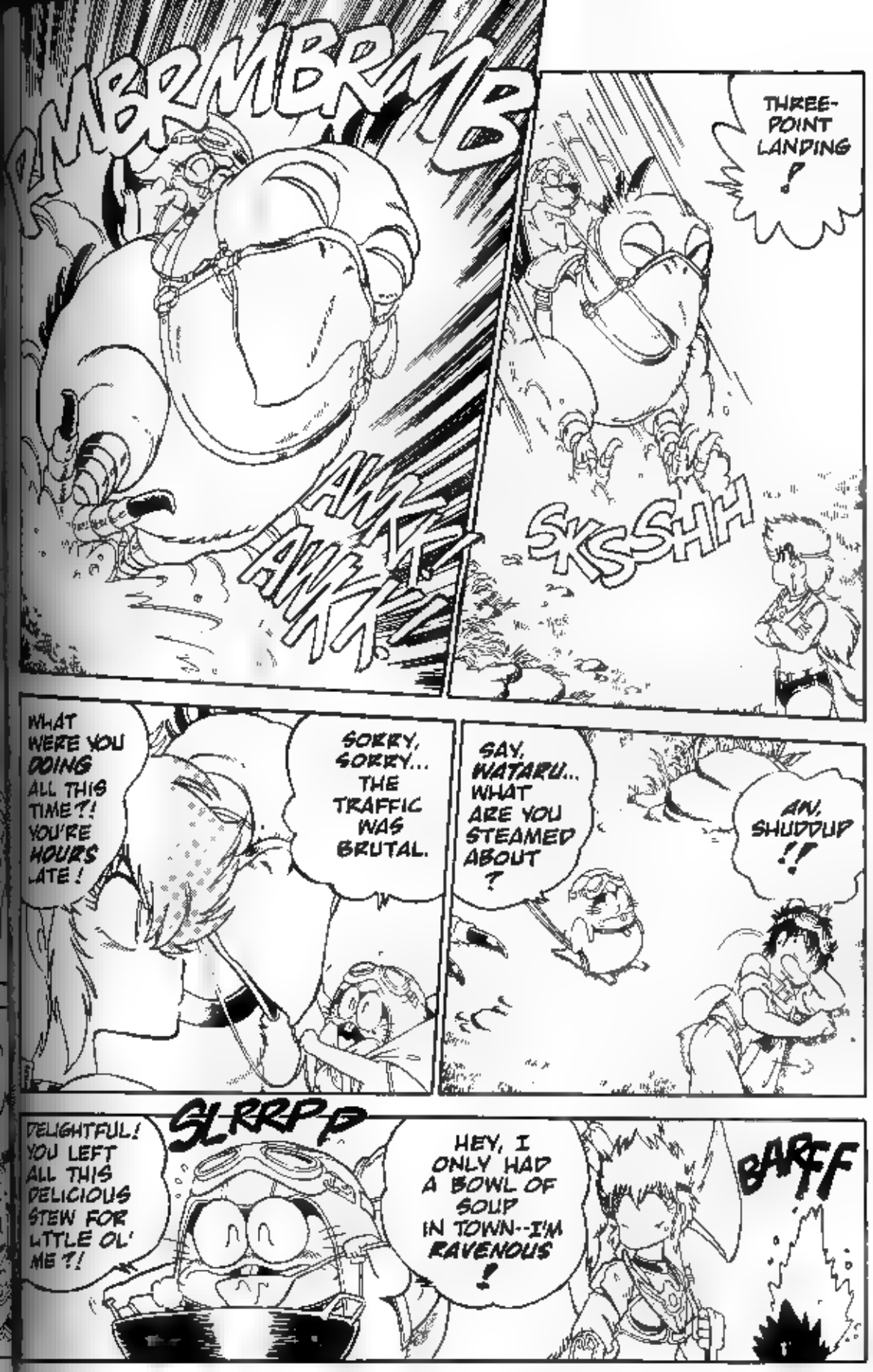
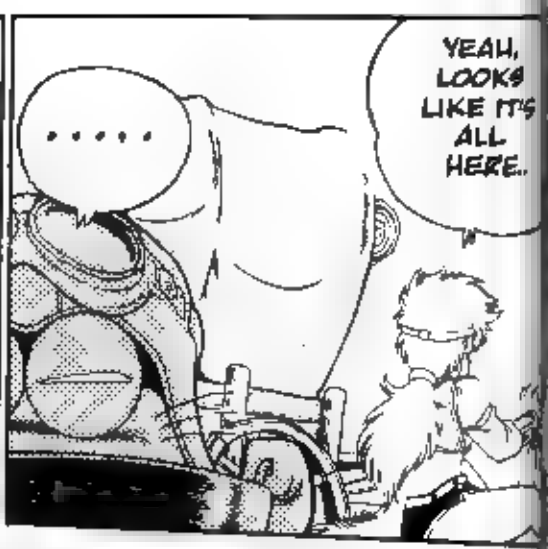
Y'KNOW, YOU'RE A LOT MORE STUBBORN THAN I THOUGHT
JUST A LITTLE LONGER AND YOU'D HAVE BEEN A GONER FOR SURE
NEVER SEEN ANYONE TURN PURPLE LIKE THAT BEFORE— ;Wlk!;
YOU DID IT TO ME, YOU HEARTLESS BITCH!
HOW DARE YOU! IS THERE ANY WAY TO TALK TO THE WOMAN WHO SAVED YOUR LIFE?
S-SAVED MY LIFE?!!
DAMNED STRAIGHT! AFTER ALL, IT WAS ME WHO LOOSENED YOUR COLLAR!
NOW JUST SEE THAT YOU WORK HARDER FOR YOUR LOVING MASTER!
HAH! SINCE WHEN DO "LOVING MASTERS" STRANGLE THEIR PETS?!
RRRRRRRRRR


BMBRMBRMB
AWK AWK
THREE-POINT LANDING!
SKSSHH
WHAT WERE YOU DOING ALL THIS TIME?! YOU'RE HOURS LATE!
SORRY, SORRY... THE TRAFFIC WAS BRUTAL.
SAY, WATARU... WHAT ARE YOU STEAMED ABOUT?
AN, SHUDDUP!!
SLRRPP
DELIGHTFUL! YOU LEFT ALL THIS DELICIOUS STEW FOR LITTLE OL' ME?!
HEY, I ONLY HAD A BOWL OF SOUP IN TOWN--I'M RAVENOUS!
BARFF

YOU BOUGHT WHAT I TOLD YOU, I HOPE?!
OF COURSE I DID! YOU DON'T TRUST ME, GO SEE FOR YOURSELF!
SLRRP


.....
YEAH, LOOKS LIKE IT'S ALL HERE..

PSST, WATARU ?
HN ?

COME ALONG WITH ME, LADDIE-- WE GOTTA TALK!
HUH? WHAT IS IT NOW ?!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!! WHERE DO YOU TWO THINK YOU'RE GOING?!

WE JUST HAVE TO TAKE A LEAK, MA'AM!
JEESH! YOU MEN! BE QUICK ABOUT IT, OKAY?!

WHY DON'T YOU JOIN US, MA'AM ?!
YOU GOT A DEATH WISH OR SOMETHING, RUNT?
WE'RE ALL PALS HERE!

THIS IS FAR ENOUGH-- SHE CAN'T HEAR US.
SO WHAT'S UP, ALREADY ?

JUST AN INTERESTING LITTLE BIT OF INFO I HEARD IN TOWN, EH? WORTH A CHUCKLE-- LEND ME AN EAR, DEAR BOY!

SO SPIT IT OUT, ALREADY!

WHAAAT?!!!!

SIX MILLION D.D.?!!!!

IDIOT! KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN!

OOPS, SORRY..

GEE, SHE DOESN'T *LOOK* LIKE SUCH A HARD CASE...

WHO CARES WHAT SHE *LOOKS LIKE!?* THE POINT IS, WE TURN HER IN AND WE'RE ON EASY STREET FOR LIFE!!

WHAT?! YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!!

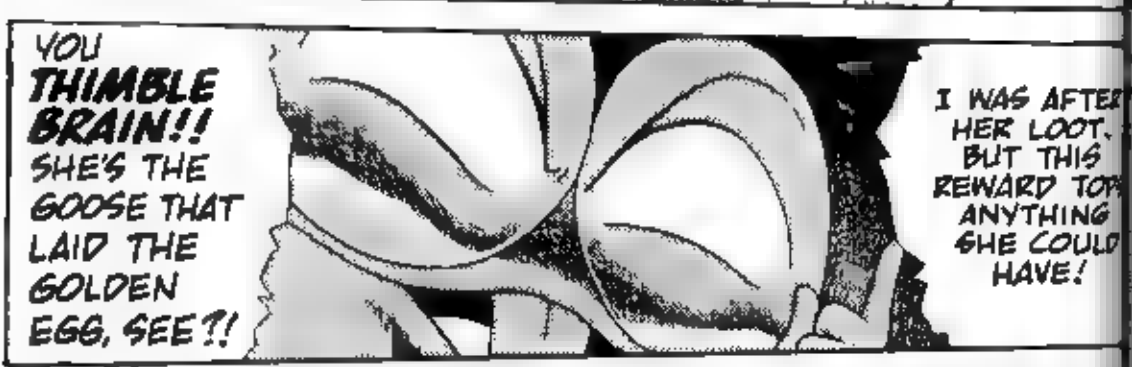
OF COURSE NOT! WE CAN WAKE UP TOMORROW RICH BEYOND OUR WILDEST FANTASIES!

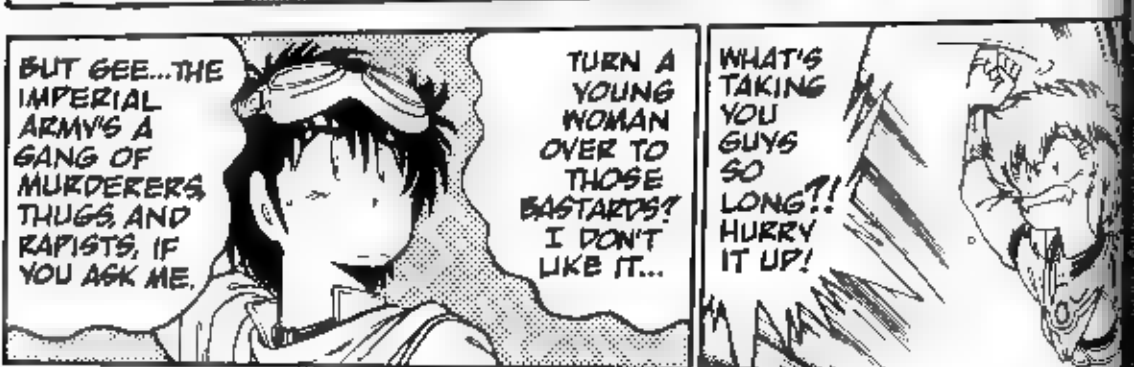
SO— HOW ABOUT IT?
HM HMM...

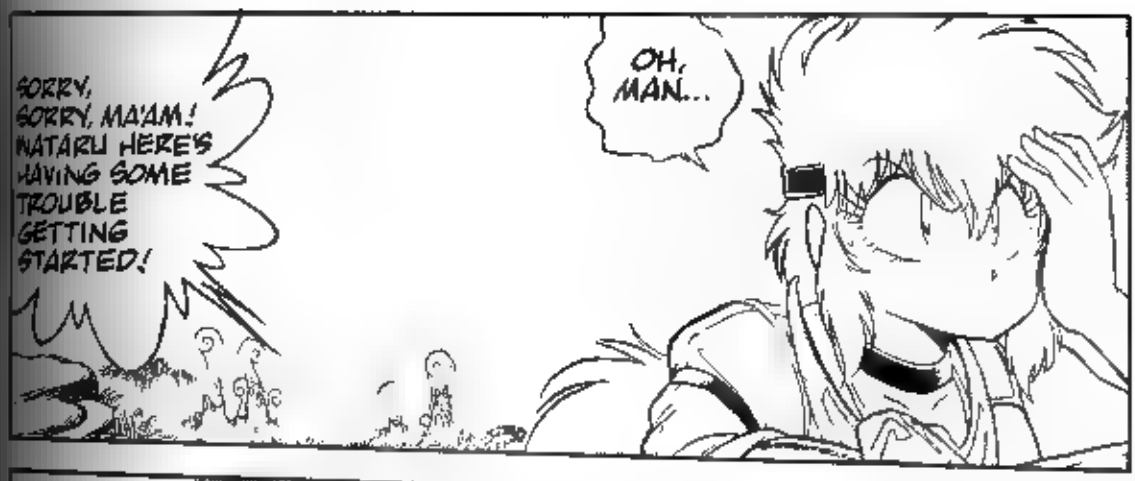
THAT REWARD THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT... YOU THINK WE CAN TRUST THEM?
HOW SHOULD I KNOW?

WHAT?!
WE'L TH.N OF I AS A GAMBL

OR MAYBE YOU GOT SOMETHING ELSE ON YOUR MIND, HMM? MAYBE YOU LIKE PLAYING THE SLAVE...?
LEATHER COLLAR AND ALL, EH?
SHUT YOUR YAP! YOU SEEM PLENTY HAPPY RUNNING AROUND FOR HER YOURSELF!

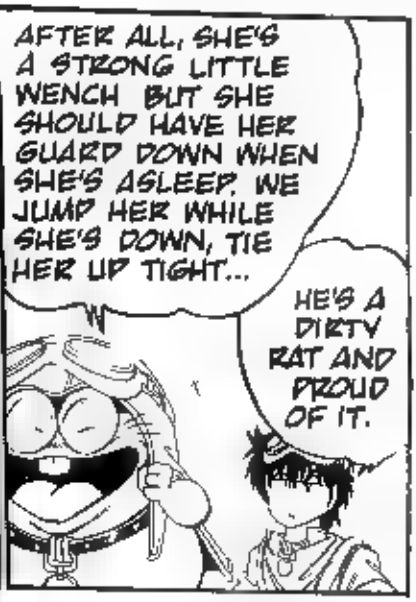

YOU THIMBLE BRAIN!! SHE'S THE GOOSE THAT LAID THE GOLDEN EGG, SEE?!
I WAS AFTER HER LOOT. BUT THIS REWARD TOPS ANYTHING SHE COULD HAVE!


BUT GEE...THE IMPERIAL ARMY'S A GANG OF MURDERERS, THUGS, AND RAPISTS, IF YOU ASK ME.
TURN A YOUNG WOMAN OVER TO THOSE BASTARDS? I DON'T LIKE IT...
WHAT'S TAKING YOU GUYS SO LONG?! HURRY IT UP!


SORRY, SORRY, MA'AM! NATARU HERE'S HAVING SOME TROUBLE GETTING STARTED!
OH, MAN...

YOU'RE A WIMP, NATARU. PITY AND PROFITS DON'T MIX, GOT IT?
I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY..

WELL, HEY! WORRY ABOUT IT LATER--THE BIG QUESTION IS HOW WE TURN HER IN.


AFTER ALL, SHE'S A STRONG LITTLE WENCH BUT SHE SHOULD HAVE HER GUARD DOWN WHEN SHE'S ASLEEP. WE JUMP HER WHILE SHE'S DOWN, TIE HER UP TIGHT...
HE'S A DIRTY RAT AND PROUD OF IT.

WHAT'S WITH YOU, BOY..? I CAN SEE YOUR HEART'S NOT IN IT..COME ON, WHAT'S THE POINT OF FEELING SORRY FOR A WOMAN LIKE THAT, EH?
I SAID THAT'S NOT IT!

IT'S JUST THAT... THAT..

LOOK, DON'T WORRY--I REALLY WILL SPLIT THE REWARD WITH YOU... TRUST ME.
IT'S NOT THAT, EITHER !!!

YES, SIR! NO, SIR! NO MISTAKE, SIR! IT WAS ONE OF HER GANG, I'M SURE, SIR!

I'M CONFIDENT THEY MUST BE CAMPED OUT SOMEWHERE NEAR NERIMA.

WE'LL START SEARCHING THE AREA AROUND THE TOWN IMMEDIATELY, SIR.

WE REQUEST TWO MORE ARMORED COMPANIES IN SUPPORT. THANK YOU, SIR! OVER AND OUT.

COMPANY, MOVE OUT!!

VRMMBB

WHAT SHALL WE DO, SIR?

EVEN AT MAXIMUM SPEED, WE'LL ARRIVE AFTER NIGHTFALL.

HAVE OUR FORCES ON THE GROUND KEEP THEM UNDER SURVEILLANCE— NOTHING MORE!
WE DON'T DARE MOVE AGAINST THAT GIRL UNTIL THE DREADNOUGHT'S IN PLACE.
I WANT HER CAMP ENCIRCLED TWO LINES DEEP—NO, THREE LINES DEEP!

SHE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO ESCAPE!
UNDERSTAND?!!

GRRNN GRRNN

I DIDN'T RUN AWAY FROM HOME TO MAKE A FORTUNE...

I WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FUN, FOR SOMETHING EXCITING...

I HATE HER, BUT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TIE HER UP AND TURN HER OVER TO THE IMPERIAL ARMY.

I DIDN'T SET OUT TO BE AN INFORMER, A LOUSY BOUNTY HUNTER...

HEY! NATAKU!

BABO?

NOW, YOU UNDERSTAND, RIGHT? FIRST, YOU GET HER SWORD, JUST LIKE WE PLANNED.

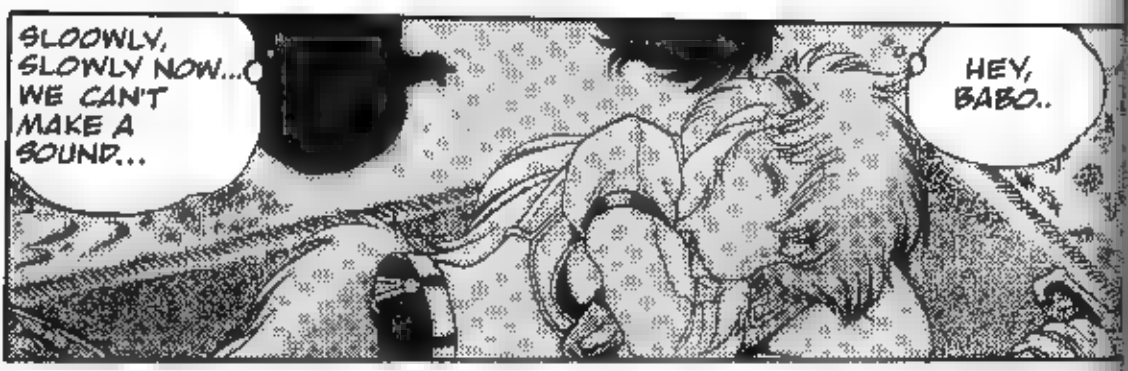
WITH NO SWORD, SHE'S JUST ANOTHER HYSTERICAL FEMALE.

THEN THE TWO OF US TIE HER UP, AND SHE'S ALL OURS.

WHERE IS SHE?

IT'S COOL. IT'S COOL-- SHE'S SOUND ASLEEP.

AND WHEN THE SUN COMES UP, WE'RE *MILLIONAIRES* !!



WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT, YOU GHERKIN?!? I SHOULD NEVER HAVE TRUSTED YOU! YOU TRAITOR! YOU--YOU WIMP!!

SHUDDUP, YOU STINKING SLAVE TRADER !!

WHAK

THDD

WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU TWO FIGHTING ABOUT, YOU GODDAMN IDIOTS?! I'M TRYING TO GET SOME SLEEP HERE!

WHNK BOK

Handyman

YOU STUPID MORONS WOKE ME UP!!

YOU'RE NOT KIDS ANYMORE-- YOU MIND CUTTING OUT THE PILLOW FIGHTS?!

I'M SO SORRY

WHAT THE HELL WERE YOU FIGHTING ABOUT, ANYWAY?

NONE OF YOUR DAMN BUSINESS!!

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A LOVERS' QUARREL?

WHAT?! WITH PAIO?!

BUT GEE, I THOUGHT YOU TWO HAVE BEEN TOGETHER LIKE FOREVER, RIGHT?
I'VE HEARD ABOUT GUYS WITH A ..AHH.. "FONDNESS" FOR ALIENS..
I'M NOT INTO THAT !!!
THE DAMNED MINX DOESN'T BELIEVE ME..
NOW, LOOK HERE! BABO AND I JUST GET ALONG OKAY, SEE?! THAT'S WHY WE HANG OUT TOGETHER! WE'RE JUST GREAT--
WAK!
--PALS ?!?
YOU YOU SCUM!! WHO SAYS YOU'RE MY FRIEND EH?! YOU TREACHEROUS SWINE!

HEY, WHERE'RE YOU GOING ?!
TO TAKE A DUMP, THAT'S WHAT! A DUMP!

I'M SO MAD I COULD JUST--
HEY!! NOT THERE!. DO IT DOWNWIND !!

BY THE WAY...

..ISN T IT ABOUT TIME YOU TOLD US ?
TOLD YOU WHAT ?
TOLD US ABOUT YOU, THAT'S WHAT! WHO YOU ARE, WHAT YOU'RE UP TO!
IT'S ALREADY ISSUE THREE, YOU KNOW!
WHERE YOU COME FROM, WHAT YOU DID TO WIND UP IN ALL THIS TROUBLE.. IT MUST BE QUITE A STORY!

YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW, MM?
WELL, SURE I DO--WHO WOULDN'T ?
FORGET IT!!
WHY THE HELL NOT?! ANY DECENT PERSON WOULD TELL US THAT MUCH!
LOOK WHO'S TALKING!
ANY DECENT GUY WOULDN'T GO ASKING A LADY PERSONAL QUESTIONS LIKE THAT.
A LADY, HUH? AND JUST WHO MIGHT THAT BE?
ME, THAT'S WHO. WHO ELSE...?
OH, YEAH, RIGHT. AND SINCE WHEN DOES A "LADY" RUN AROUND SWINGING A GREAT BIG SWORD AND PUTTING DOG COLLARS ON GUYS WHO HELP HER?

HEY, WHAT'S UP? EVERYTHING QUIET OUT THERE...
I WAS OUT OF MY MIND TO WORK WITH WATARU. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE MONEY RIGHT, YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT YOURSELF!! HMPH!!

YOU
BIRD
HEEE AAA GH!!!
BRRTTT
BIRD
BUMBAM

POF
IT'S A FLARE!
HOLY SH!T!!
GRINGRINN
BRAAAC

BKROOM
DAMMIT! THE BASTARDS HAVE GOT US SURROUNDED!
IF YOU WANT TO GET OUT OF HERE ALIVE, STOP SPLITTING HAIRS AND RUN LIKE HELL!
BLAM
BLAM

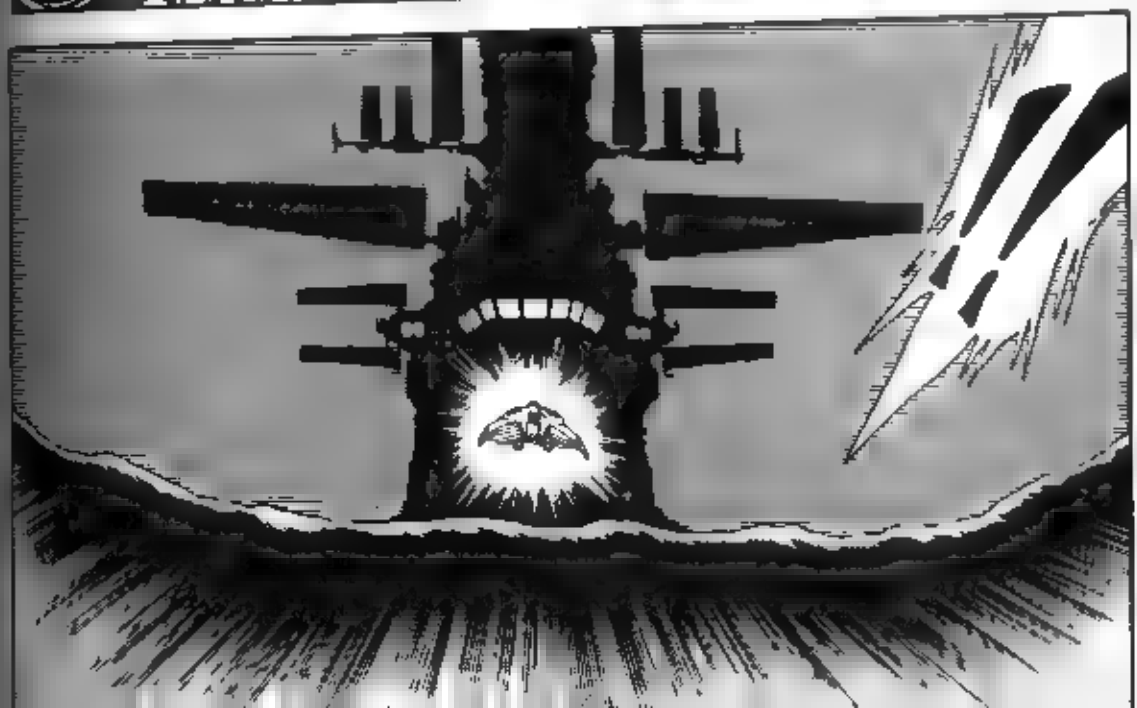
KRAAW
EE ARGH!
GODDAMMIT, GIRL! WHY ARE THEY AFTER YOU?!
I TOLD YOU-- NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!
THE HELL IT ISN'T! YOU THINK THE WOODS ARE FULL OF PEOPLE WITH SIX MILLION D.D. ON THEIR HEADS?!
AH, RATS..
YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT THAT, EH?
BRRITTT
UHAAAH!

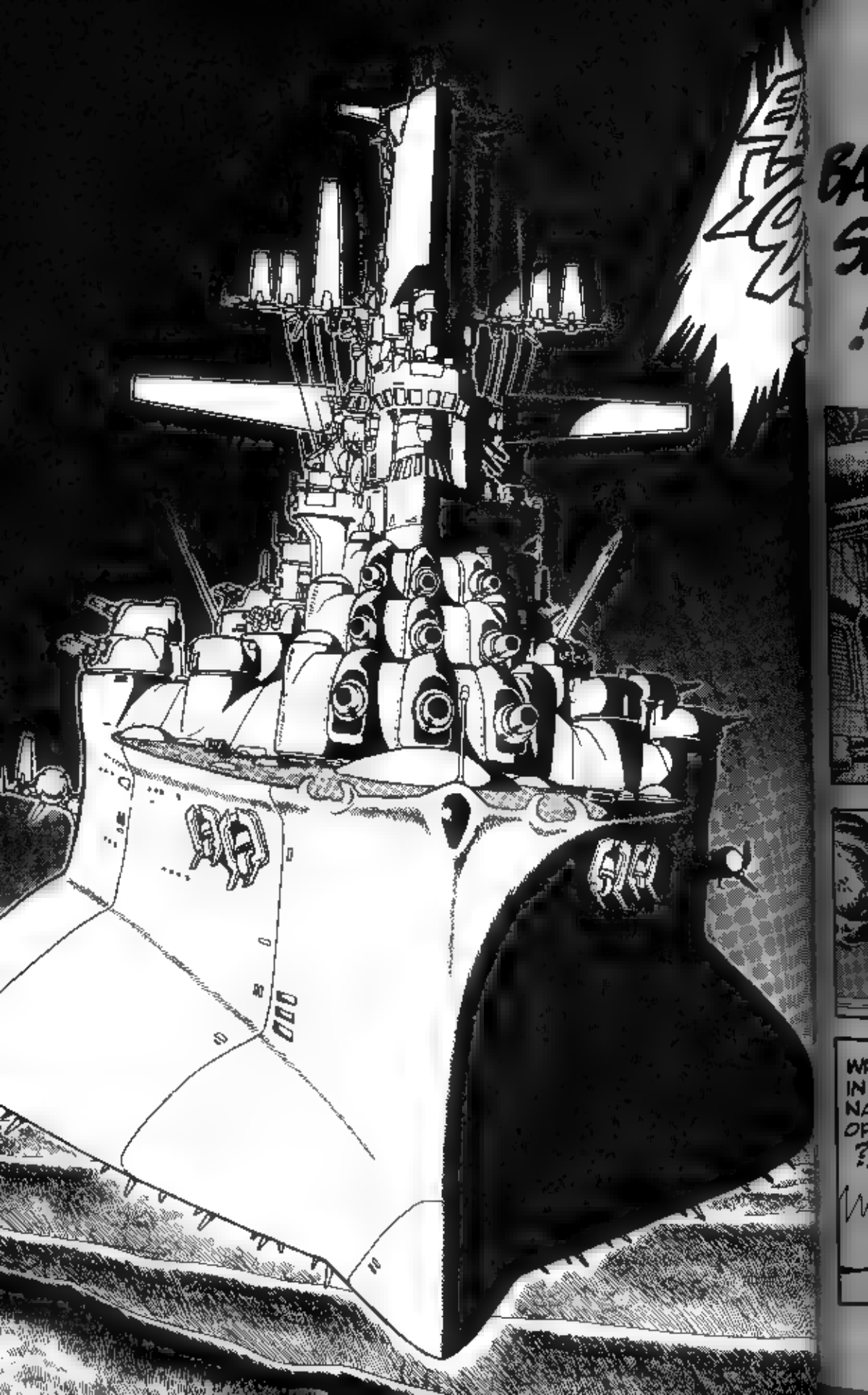
SHREEOOO
WH-WH-WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?! THERE'S NOWHERE TO RUN ON THIS DAMN PLAIN!!
GEE, YOU'RE ASKING ME?
HMM M...
OH, JEEZ!! HE'S COMING BACK!
SHEEEE

BRRRT FT
HAH!!!
Gurk
!! WHU
SPLAT

SHREEEEO

YOU'RE COMPLETELY NUTS!!
HEY, YOU ASKED ME TO DO SOMETHING!
YEEK! FIGHTERS ON OUR TAIL!
I KNOW-- I'LL TRY TO SHAKE THEM!!



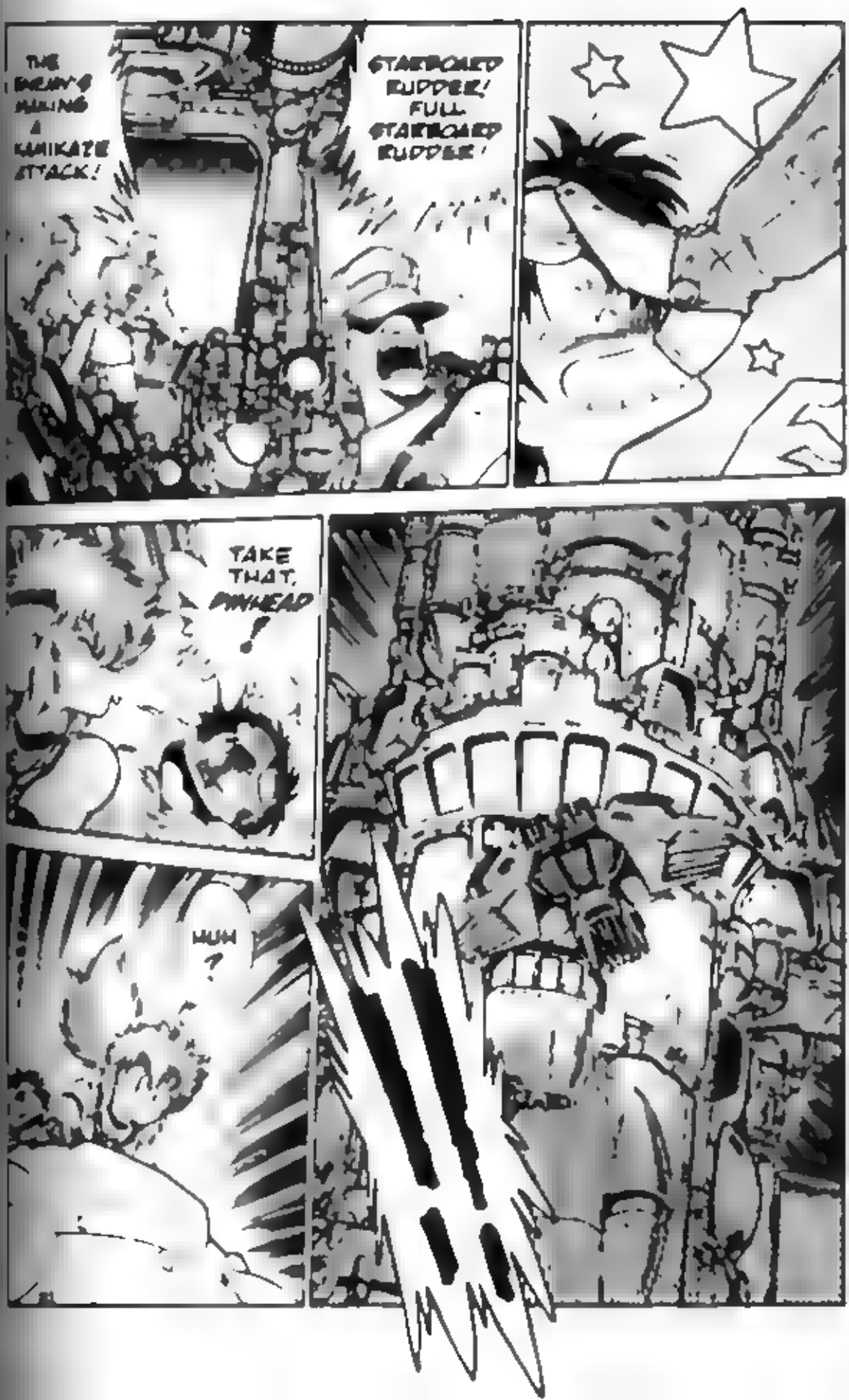


A BATTLE-SHIP !!
BKOOM
BKOOM
YEOW!
BLAM
BLAM
SHREEE
WHAT IN THE NAME OF--?!
IT'S MIAN TORIS, LORD BARDUM!

WHAT ?! ARE YOU SURE ?!
I'M CERTAIN OF IT, SIR! WE'RE PICKING UP HER ENERGY SIGNATURE !
MIAN TORIS, EH...
YOU SHAN'T ESCAPE ME THIS TIME, WOMAN! IF I DON'T DESTROY YOU NOW, MY OWN LIFE IS OVER..
IN THE REPORT I SENT THE EMPEROR, I SAID YOU DIED IN THE RUINS OF OHIZUMI CITY.
AND INDEED, WHO WOULD HAVE DREAMED YOU COULD ESCAPE THAT HELL ALIVE.. ?
BUT NO MATTER HOW STRONG YOU ARE, I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU SURVIVE A FULL BROADSIDE FROM OUR DREADNOUGHT!
STOP DAWDLING, FOOL! SHOOT HER DOWN! NOW!
YES, SIR !
KILL HER !
BLOW HER FROM THE SKY!

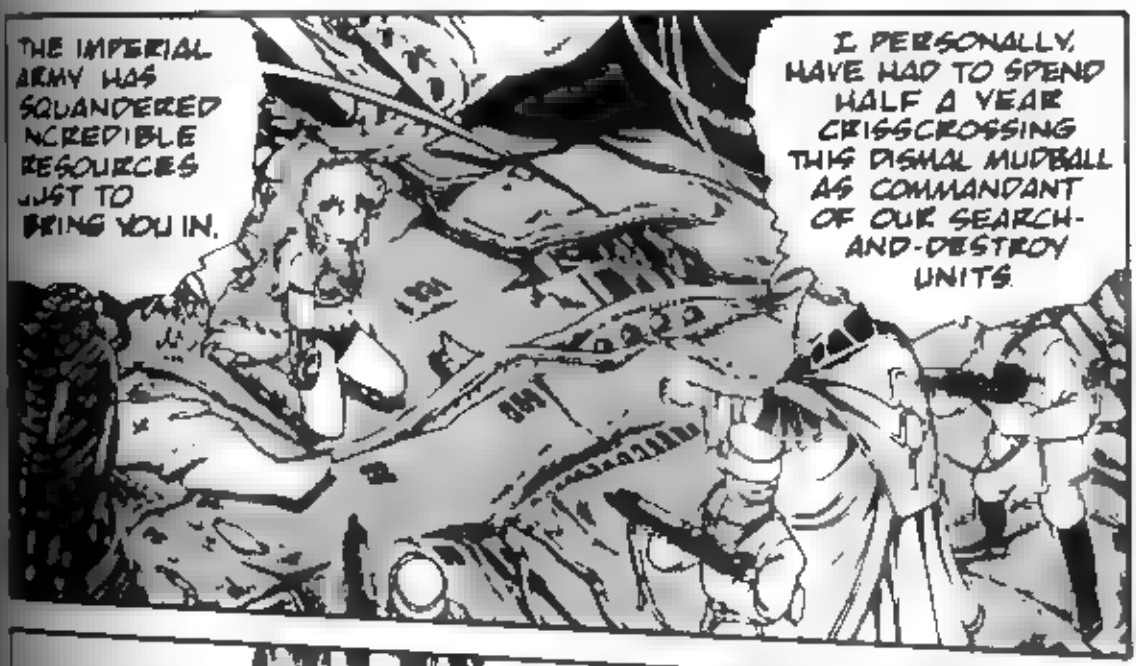
BKOOM
BKOOM
BKOOM
BKOOM
DAMMIT, GET US SOME ALTITUDE! THEY'LL SHOOT US APART DOWN HERE!
SHUT UP !!
CHECK OUT THE VENTRAL CLAMPS !
WHY ?!
ARE WE CARRYING A BOMB DOWN THERE ?
A BOMB? UH, YEAH, BUT... HEY, YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS ?!
YOU GOT IT!

OH, MAN!!
STOP! TURN BACK!
YOU GOT SOME SORTA DEATH WISH?! TURN BACK!
AW, PUT A SOCK IN IT! IF WE DON'T TAKE OUT THAT BATTLESHIP, WE'LL NEVER GET AWAY!
THEN I'LL GET US OUT OF HERE!
HEY, STOP! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
LET GO, YOU IDIOT!
YOU LET GO, DAMMIT!!
GNNGNNGNN


THE ENEMY'S MAKING A KAMIKAZE ATTACK!
STARBOARD RUDDER! FULL STARBOARD RUDDER!
TAKE THAT, PINHEAD!
HUH?

HU
WHAMM
KNCH
FWUD

KSHHHH
AUCH AUCH AUCH!
THAT THIMBLE-BRAINED NERK!
UH OH!
QUITE THE IMPRESSIVE ENTRANCE, MIAN TORIG!
DON'T RESIST! YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE!
AND DON'T WORRY— I'LL SEE THAT YOUR DEATH IS JUST AS IMPRESSIVE!


THE IMPERIAL ARMY HAS SQUANDERED INCREDIBLE RESOURCES JUST TO BRING YOU IN.
I PERSONALLY HAVE HAD TO SPEND HALF A YEAR CRISSCROSSING THIS DISMAL MUDBALL AS COMMANDANT OF OUR SEARCH-AND-DESTROY UNITS.

ALL OF THIS, ALL OF THIS EFFORT, TO EXTERMINATE YOU, SPAWN OF THE DEVIL!
YOU ARE THE ENEMY OF ALL SENTIENT CREATURES!!

FIRE! EMPTY YOUR MAGAZINES!!
WAIT, WAIT, WAIT!!

JUST WAIT ONE GODDAMN MINUTE, YOU!
SEE WHAT I'VE GOT HERE ?!
!!
ONE FALSE MOVE! JUST ONE!
AND I'LL PLAY TAPS ON THIS FUSE!
UKK!

MIAN! GET OVER HERE!

THANK YOU, DEAR! IT'S NICE TO SEE YOU'RE GOOD FOR SOMETHING.

I'M PLEASANTLY SURPRISED, REALLY I AM! ♡

YOUR GRATITUDE IS HEART-WARMING!

YOU STUPID KID!! ARE YOU NUTS?!

HAND HER OVER, BOY!

YOU FOOL! DON'T YOU KNOW WHO THAT WOMAN IS?!!

EH?

SHE'S A BREAKER, BOY!

A BREAKER, UNDERSTAND?!!

HUH? "BREAKER"?

.....

HE'S RIGHT, KID! THAT CRAZY BITCH MEANS TO DESTROY THE CONTINENT, THE PLANET, THE WHOLE EMPIRE!

WHAT ARE THOSE LOONIES BABBLING ABOUT?

I DON'T HAVE A CLUE!

GODS ALOFT, YOU IDIOT..

...THAT WOMAN'S THE HARBINGER OF ARMA-GEDDON! UNDER-STAND?!

OH, YEAH?! SO I'M JUST AN IDIOT, HUH?!

NO! WAIT! CALM DOWN!!

AIEEEE!!
ooz
?
K

WHOOM

WRAMMRAMBKOOM
SKRAK
WHOOM
IT'S TOO LATE! THE FIRE'S REACHED THE MAGAZINE !!
ABANDON SHIP! ABANDON SHIP!!

HA HA HA...

WE... WE... MADE IT...

LOOK AT 'EM BURN!

THAT'S YOUR PRIZE, WATARU!

GOOD WORK, CHAMP. I MEAN IT!

PAT PAT

HEH HEH.

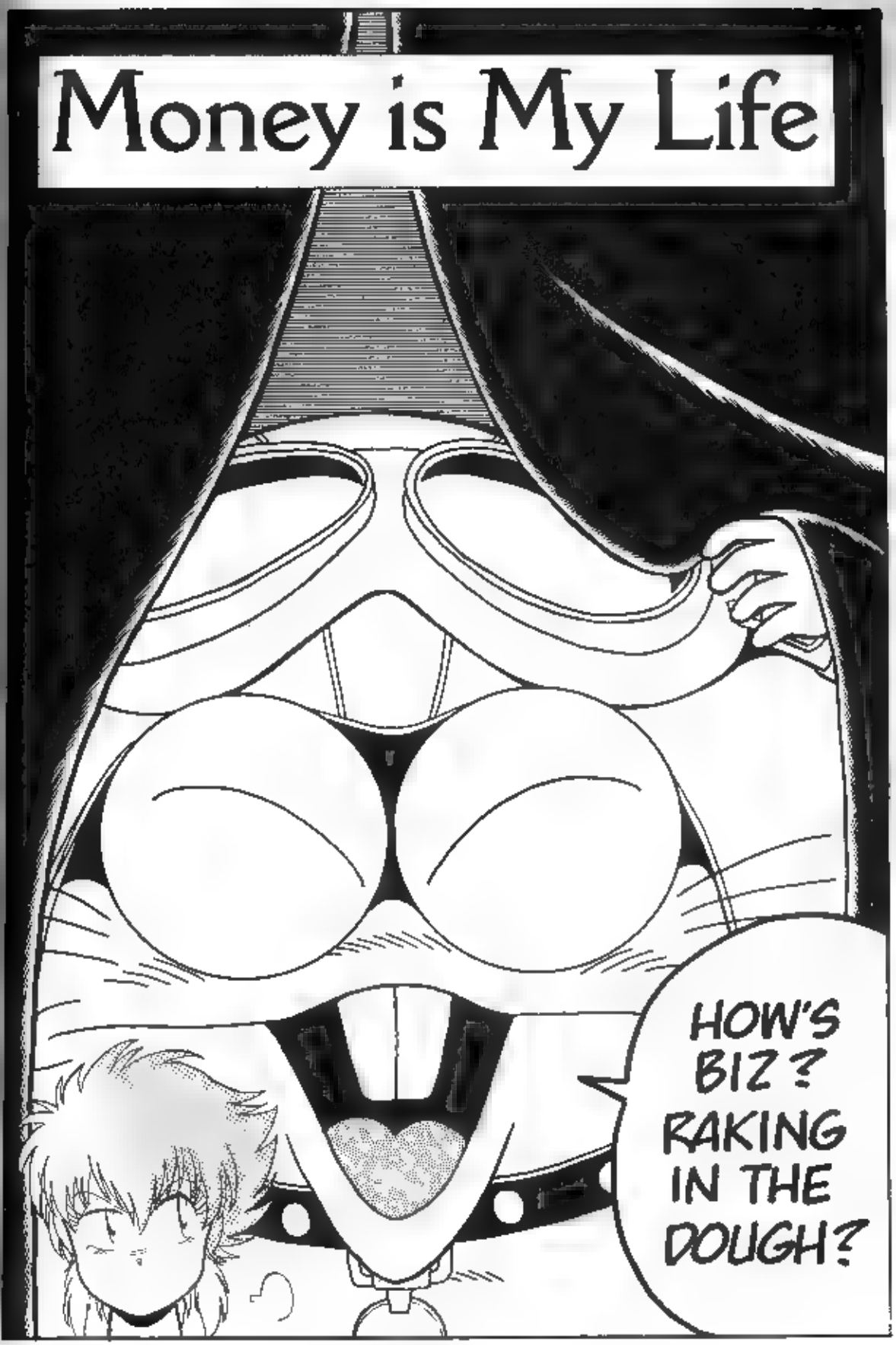
HEY...DIDN'T THOSE GUYS CALL YOU SOMETHING?

WHAT WAS IT, NOW...?

B.
I'M SURE IT STARTED WITH A B...
B...
B...
BIMBO ?
THAT'S RIGHT!
BIMBO !!
WHAT WAS THAT ?
HEH-HEH... I FORGOT AGAIN... HEH...
BY THE WAY...WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT PAL OF YOURS...?
AH!!
GEE, NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
NO WONDER IT'S SO QUIET!
I WONDER IF HE BOUGHT IT?

ANTISEPTIC! PAINKILLER! PLUS BANDAIDS! NOW HOW MUCH WOULD YOU PAY?!
BUT WAIT-- THERE'S MORE!! AS A SPECIAL BONUS IF YOU BUY NOW-- MORPHINE! ALL IN ONE HANDY-DANDY KIT!
OR ONE APPLICATION OF ANTISEPTICS, JUST THREE D.D.! FIVE D.D. FOR YOUR VERY OWN BANDAGE! IT'S A STEAL, GENTLEMEN!
PRICED TO MOVE!!
WHAT THE HELL--YOU WANT MONEY?! AIN'T YOU A NAVY MEDIC?
SINCE WHEN DID THE BRASS HIRE CIVVY DOCTORS ?
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED TO THE REAL MEDICS, ANYWAY ?!

Money is My Life



WHOOF! WE'RE FINALLY HERE.
GOD I COULDN'T WALK ANOTHER STEP.
GEE WHIZ! NOW WHAT ARE YOU WHINING ABOUT ?
YOU MADE US WALK ABOUT TWENTY MILES. DAMN IT!
MY FEET ARE ONE BIG BLISTER

WHAT A WIMP--I'M A DELICATE, FRAGILE FEMALE, BUT I FEEL JUST FINE!
'CAUSE YOU RODE ALL THE WAY, BIMBO!
MIND YOUR LANGUAGE, PET! I'LL HAVE YOU KNOW I'M THOROUGHLY SADDLE-SORE!
MAJOR PROBLEM WITH A BUTT THAT BIG..
WHY ARE YOU IN SUCH A GOOD MOOD? YOU JUST CHEAT A STARVING ORPHAN OR SOMETHING?!
HEH HEH HEH! BUSINESS, BOY, BIG BUSINESS! I MADE A KILLING OFF THOSE WOUNDED IMPERIAL TROOPS
"KILLING" IS PROBABLY THE RIGHT WORD.
I WISH THE REAL MEDICS HADN'T GOTTEN THERE SO QUICK, BUT HEY...
HEE HEE HEE
CHECK THIS OUT-- INCLUDING THE CHANGE, I FIGURE THERE'S--
HUH ?!
I'LL JUST TAKE THIS OFF YOUR HANDS THANK YOU.

THIEF! ROBBER! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
I TOLD YOU I'D FEED YOU, RIGHT?
BESIDES, IT'S DANGEROUS TO WALK AROUND CARRYING THAT MUCH CASH.
YOU KNOW, YOU'RE NOT VERY CUTE WHEN YOU PUFF UP LIKE THAT.
.....
NOW, THEN...
...I'M PARCHED-- LET'S HIT THIS BAR!
HEY! WAIT FOR ME!

BELLY UP FOLKS.

YOU'RE A NEW FACE AROUND HERE, MA'AM. WHERE YOU FROM?
SOUTH WAY SOUTH.

I'LL HAVE A DOUBLE PARACOTO.
MAKE MINE KOBU TEA WITH LOTS OF JELLY
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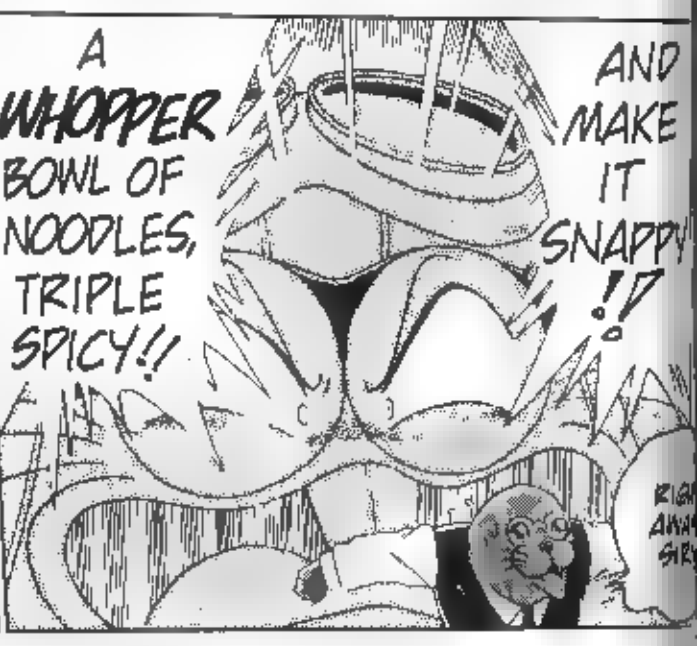
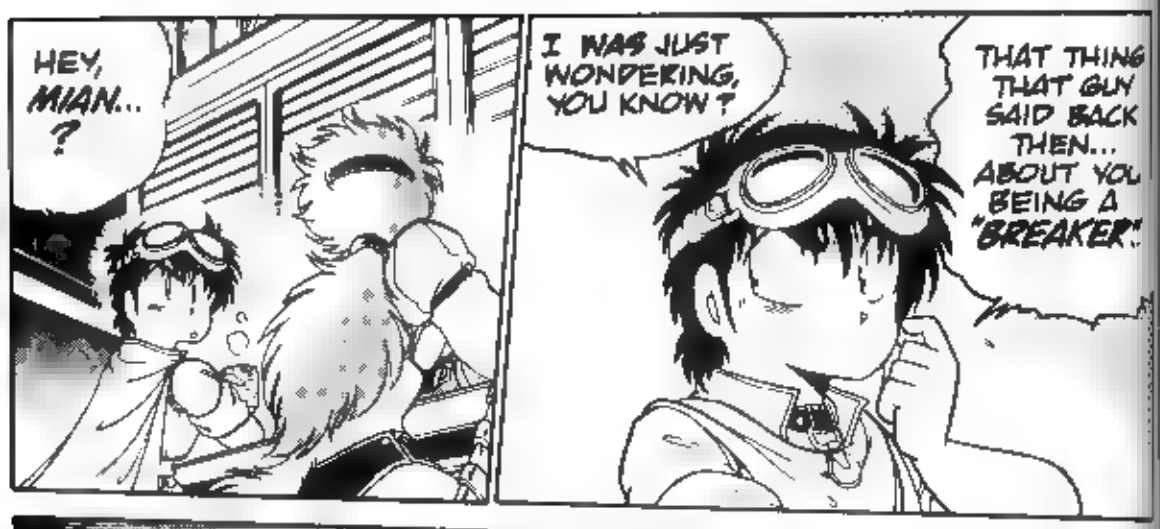
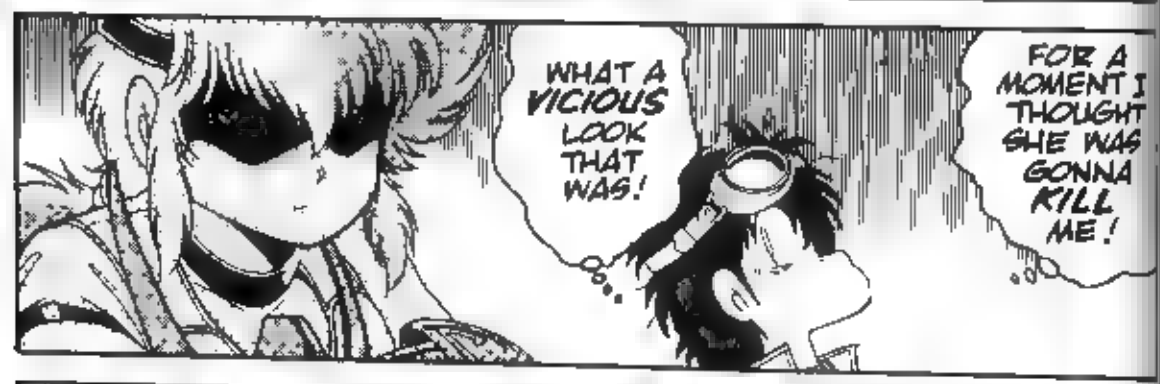
HOW ABOUT YOU, SIR? YOU LOOK A TAD DOWN IN THE DUMPS...
Y'KNOW, THERE'S NOTHING LIKE DRINK TO LIFT THE SPIRITS--


A WHOPPER BOWL OF NOODLES, TRIPLE SPICY!!
AND MAKE IT SNAPPY!!

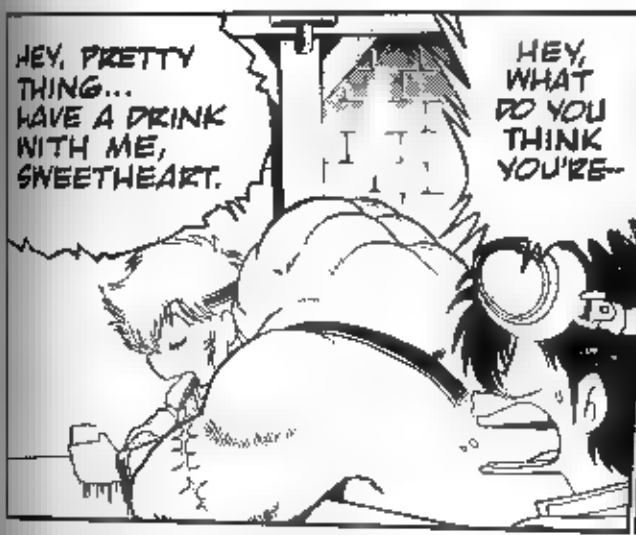
HERE YOU GO...
SLUURRRP
YOU'RE AN IDIOT!
AHEE!!
-sighh-
?
THERE SHE GOES AGAIN... WHY DOES SHE GET ALL GRIM LIKE THAT...?
SHE WON'T TELL US WHO SHE REALLY IS... SHE'S WANTED BY THE EMPIRE, BUT I FEEL THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN JUST THAT...


HEY, MIAN...?
I WAS JUST WONDERING, YOU KNOW?
THAT THING THAT GUY SAID BACK THEN... ABOUT YOU BEING A "BREAKER".

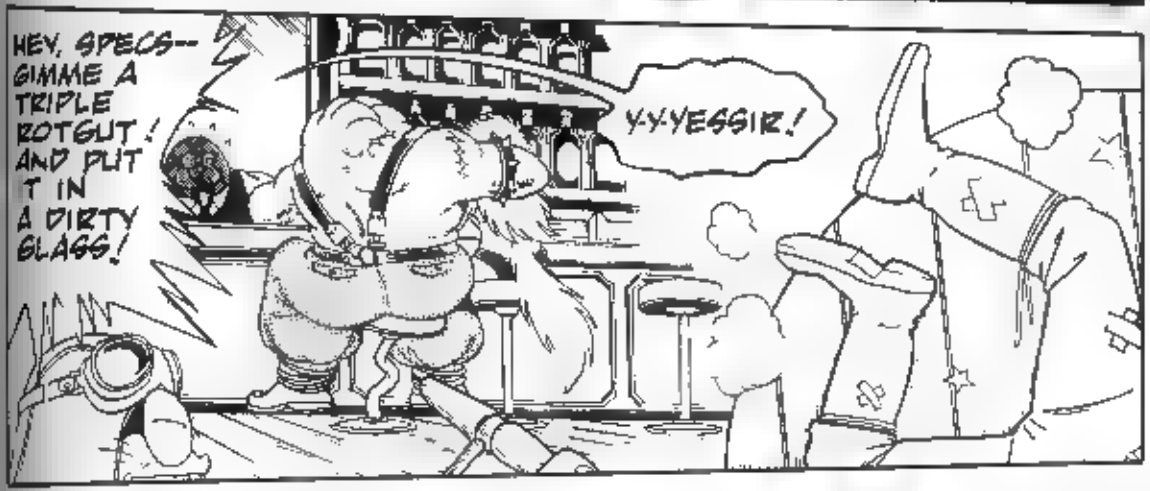
SORRY! MY MISTAKE! I DIDN'T REALLY WANT TO KNOW!!
IT'S JUST THAT, YOU KNOW, EH-HEH-HEH...


WHAT A VICIOUS LOOK THAT WAS!
FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT SHE WAS GONNA KILL ME!

SCRAM, PUNK.


HEY, PRETTY THING... HAVE A DRINK WITH ME, SWEETHEART.
HEY, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE--

SHUDDUP!!
WHAK


HEY, SPECS-- GIMME A TRIPLE ROTGUT! AND PUT IT IN A DIRTY GLASS!
Y-Y-YESSIR!

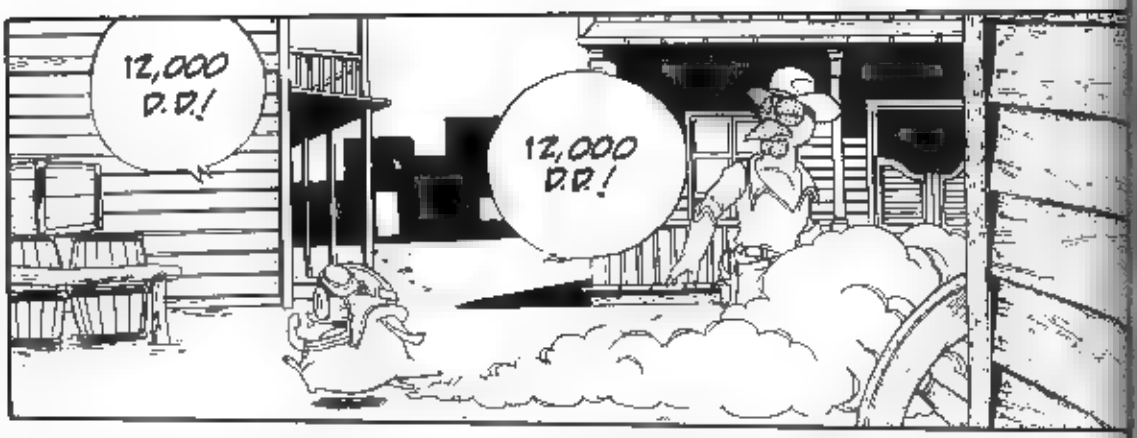
WHASSA MATTER WITH YOU, GIRL? YOU OUGHTA BE SMILING!
I'M GONNA SHOW YOU THE BEST TIME YOU EVER HAD!!

PIGS OFF, JERKWAD. YOU'RE SPOILING MY DRINK.

I'M IN ONE BAD MOOD !!

CHOK
♪OOPSIE♪ SILLY ME!
OH, MY GOD!
WHEN THE COPS COME, I DON'T KNOW NOTHING! I SAW NOTHING HEARD NOTHING!
WELL, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SO CRANKY IF YOU HADN'T PISSED ME OFF

THIS IS JUST GREAT!!
THAT WAS ONE MEAN S.O.B. YOU TOOK ON THERE, MA'AM!
DRINK UP! IT'S ON THE HOUSE!
NOW THE TOWN WILL KNOW SOME PEACE AT LAST! HALLELUJAH!
HUH! SO HE WAS A BADDIE, EH?
"BAD" DOESN'T COVER IT!
HE SAID HE WAS AN ENVOY FROM THE EMPEROR, BUT HE WAS REALLY JUST A LOW-DOWN CUTTHROAT--MURDERING, ROBBING, RAPING...
HA HA HA
BESIDES, HE HAD A 12,000 D.D. BOUNTY ON HIS HEAD!
HEY, BARO! DID YOU HEAR THAT?!!
A TWELVE-GRAND BOUNTY!!
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR YOUR LITTLE FRIEND, HE'S GONE TO THE SHERIFF'S TO COLLECT THE REWARD.
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN...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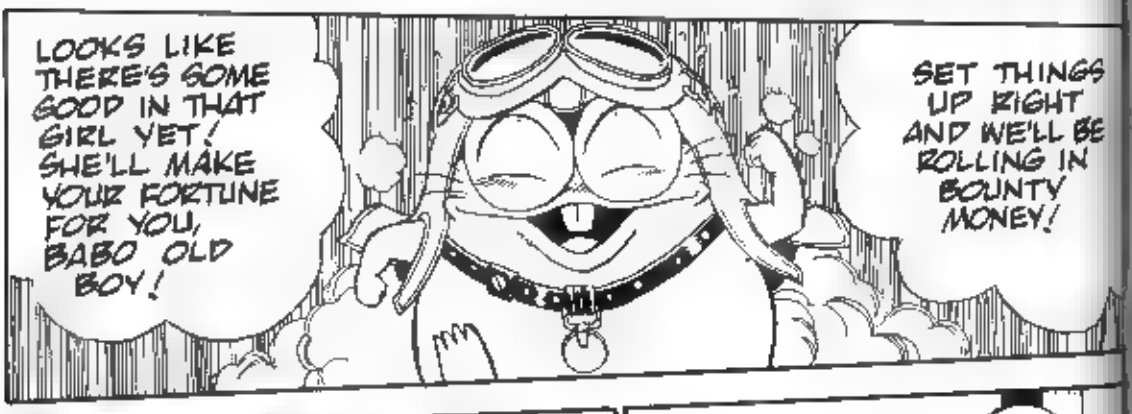
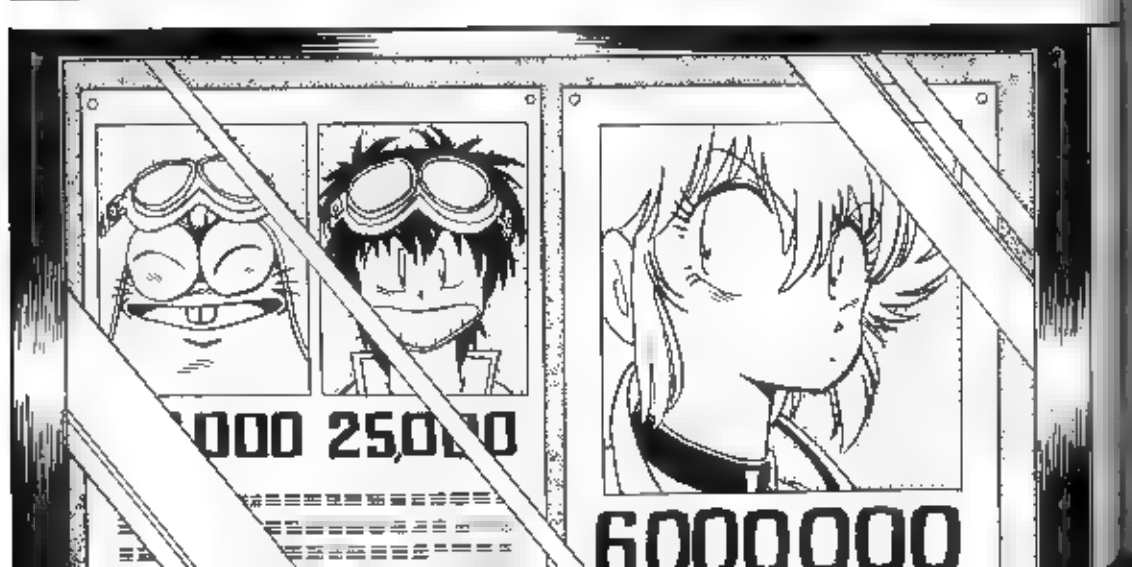

LOOKS LIKE THERE'S SOME GOOD IN THAT GIRL YET! SHE'LL MAKE YOUR FORTUNE FOR YOU, BABO OLD BOY!
SET THINGS UP RIGHT AND WE'LL BE ROLLING IN BOUNTY MONEY!

AH! HERE WE ARE!
MM?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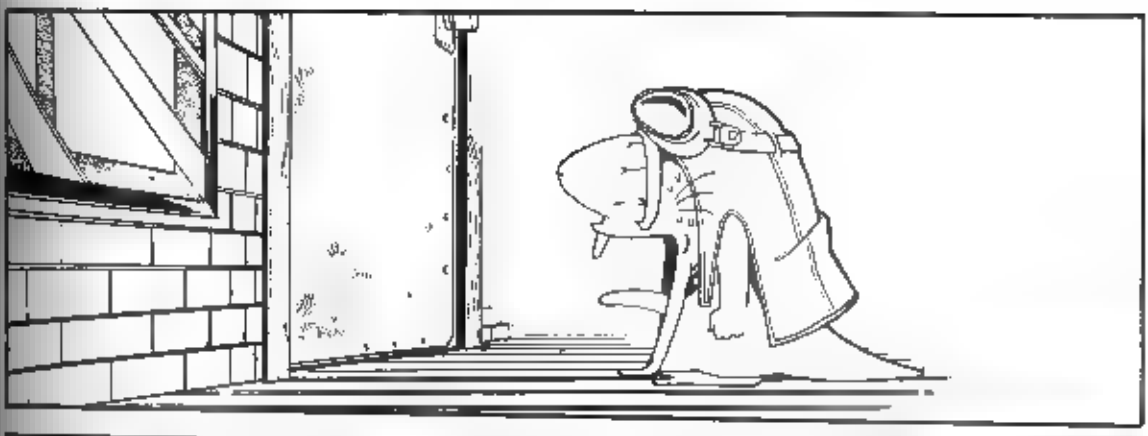
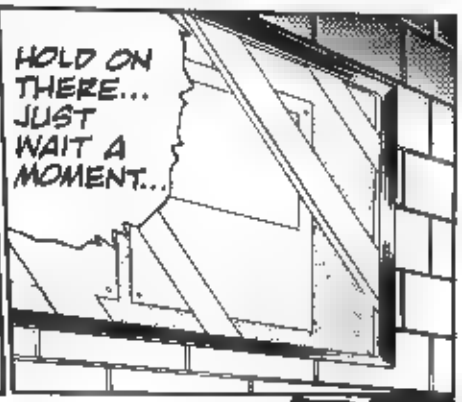
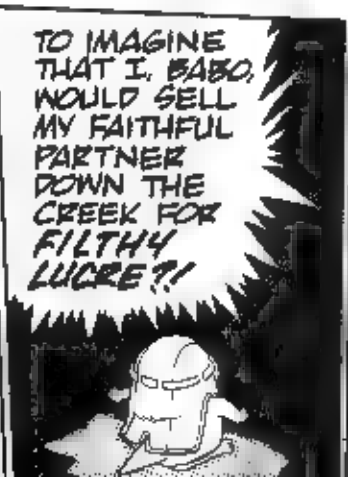


WH-WH-WHAT IN THE HELL ?!?
WHAT DID WE DO TO HAVE A PRICE ON OUR HEADS?!


HOLD ON THERE... JUST WAIT A MOMENT...

OF COURSE I'LL REPORT MIAN. BUT IF I THROW IN THAT DOUGHHEAD WATARU, TOO...
NATURALLY ALL THE REWARD MONEY WOULD BE MINE...
THEY'LL NEVER KNOW ME IF I PUT ON SOME KIND OF DISGUISE. THEN I JUST HAVE THEM TRANSFER THE CASH TO MY BANK...
!!

DEAR GOD, I CAN'T !!
WHAT HAVE I BEEN THINKING ?!

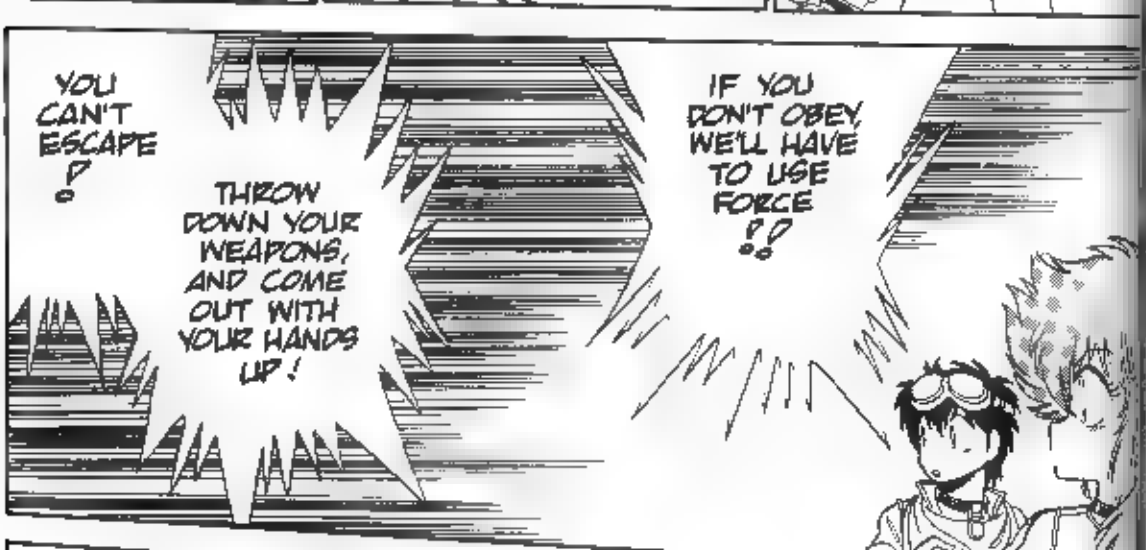

TO IMAGINE THAT I, BABO, WOULD SELL MY FAITHFUL PARTNER DOWN THE CREEK FOR FILTHY LUCRE?!

STILL, WATARU BETRAYED ME WHEN I TRIED TO TURN MIAN IN...

WHAT'S KEEPING THAT LITTLE JERK ?!

HE'S BEEN GONE AN HOUR ALREADY !
NOT EVEN HE COULD GET THEM TO GIVE HIM MORE THAN THE ADVERTISED REWARD... I THINK...

ATTENTION, WANTED CRIMINAL MIAN TORIS! WE'VE GOT YOU AND YOUR LACKEY SURROUNDED!!


YOU CAN'T ESCAPE !
THROW DOWN YOUR WEAPONS, AND COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS UP!
IF YOU DON'T OBEY, WE'LL HAVE TO USE FORCE !!

WHAT THE HELL... ?!

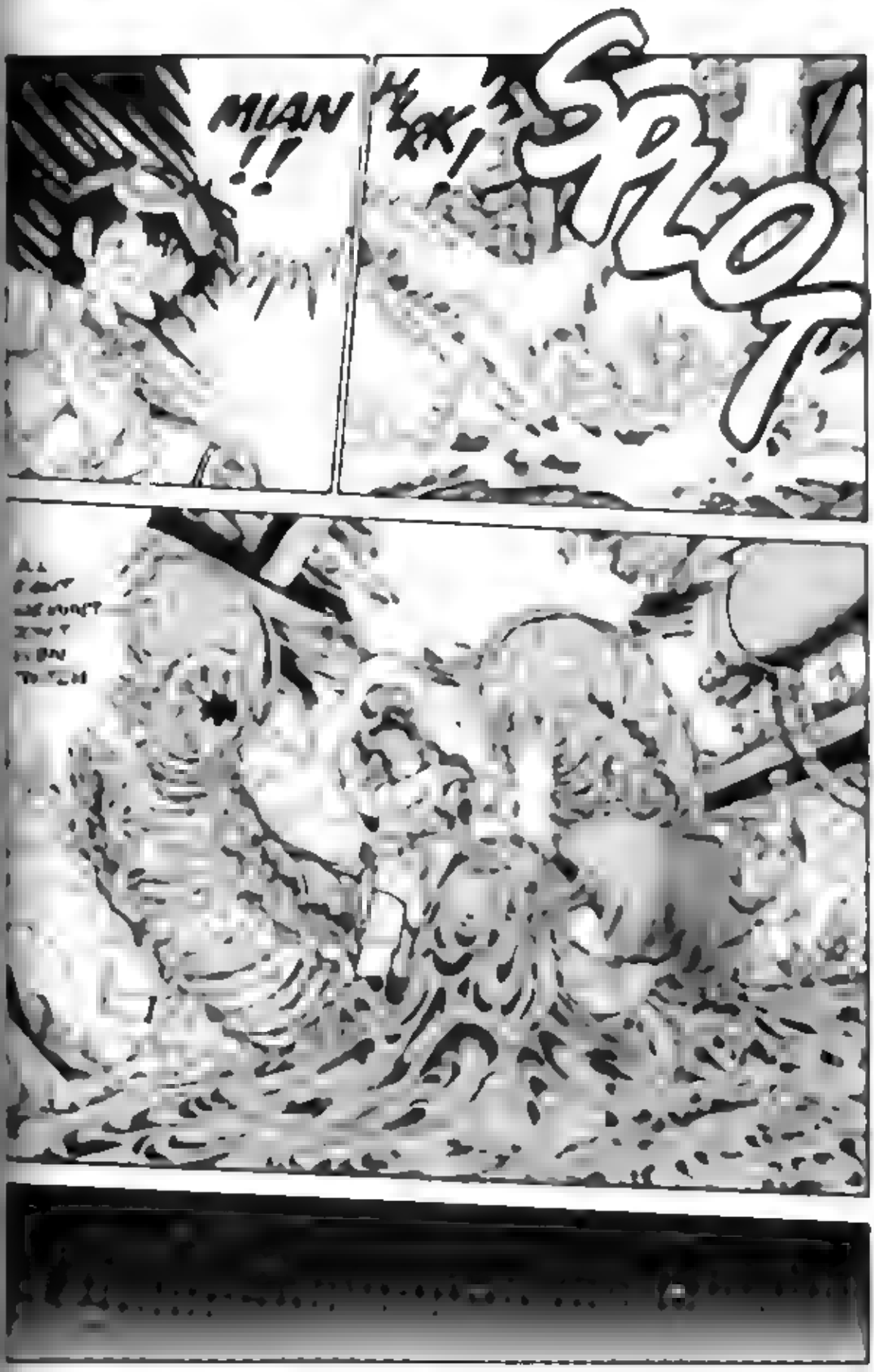
IS THIS SOME KINDA JOKE... ?

SKREEK
JESUS!! WHAT IN THE HELL IS THAT?!!

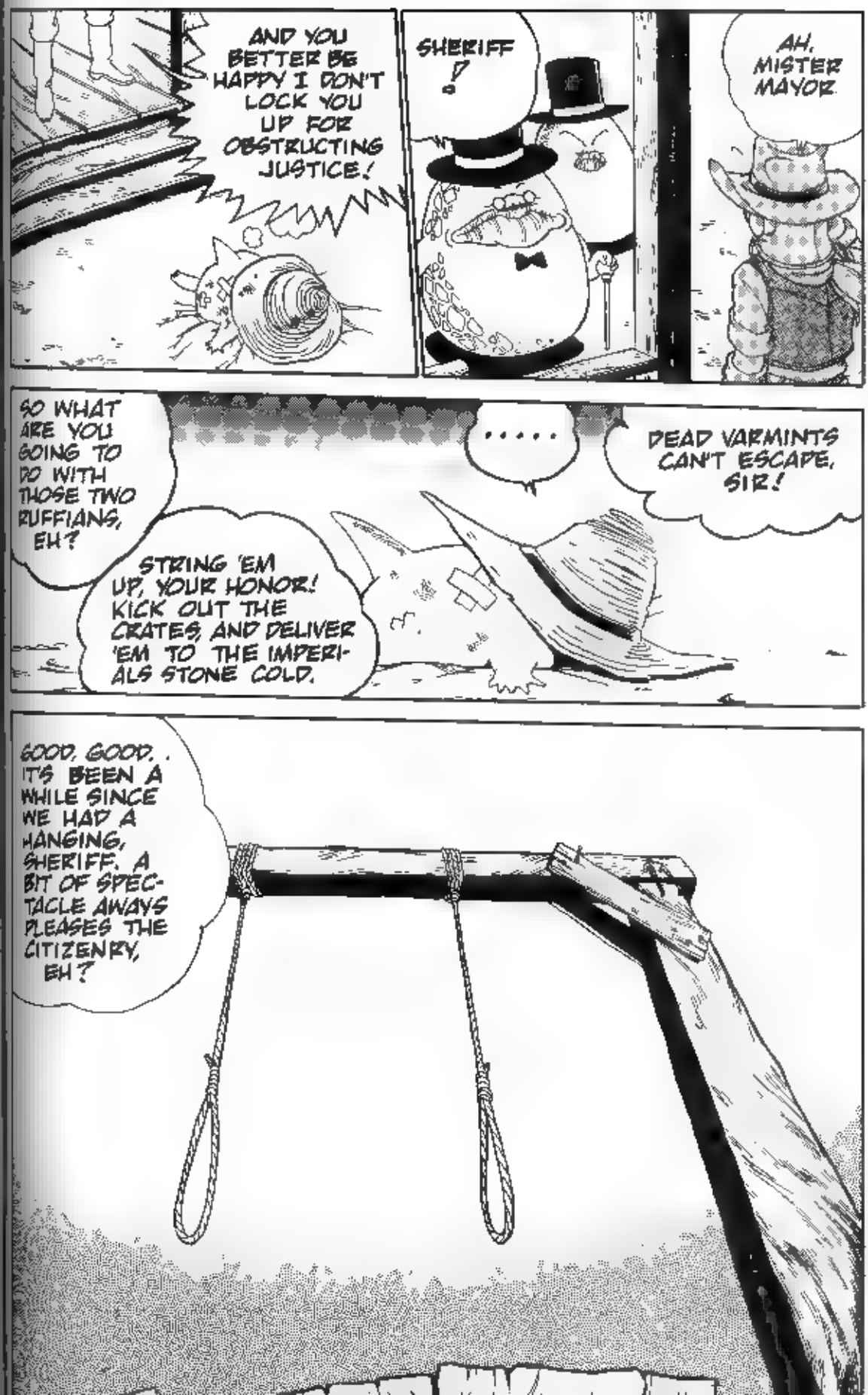
SKREEK
WATCH OUT WATARU!
IT'S A VELD !!
SKRRNNCH
WATCH OUT GUYS
WHKROOM

THANKS TO INFORMATION FROM A
CITIZEN LIKE

SKLUSH
YEEEH!
GET OUT! MOVE YOUR ASS!!
I'M GONE GONE GONE!
YEEK!


MIAN !!
HEK!
SHOT!

WHAT DID YOU SAY ?!!
YOU WANT TO SPLIT THE REWARD FIFTY-FIFTY?! THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU PROMISED! NO WAY!!
YOU JUST SLIPPED US THE WORD, PARDNER. ME AND THE BOYS BROUGHT HER IN.
AND THEN THERE'S EXPENSES... VELDS DON'T COME CHEAP, SON!
THIS TOWN'S BEEN STRAPPED FOR CASH SINCE WAY BACK! WE'LL USE THE REWARD MONEY TO COVER OUR DEFICIT FINANCING.
THAT'S NOT MY PROBLEM!
AND THERE'S INCOME TAX, 'COURSE. TOWN STATUTES LEVY NINETY PERCENT ON WINDFALL PROFITS. SO FORK IT OVER.
TIMES POINT NINE, DIVIDED BY TWO, MINUS EXPENSES.. LESSEE... I GET...
BEEP BEEP
AIEEE! I COME OUT OWING YOU MONEY !!!
THE LAW IS THE LAW! BUT I'LL LET YOU SLIDE JUST THIS ONCE, HAYSEED!


AND YOU BETTER BE HAPPY I DON'T LOCK YOU UP FOR OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE!
SHERIFF!
AH, MISTER MAYOR.
SO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THOSE TWO RUFFIANS, EH?
.....
DEAD VARMINTS CAN'T ESCAPE, SIR!
STRING 'EM UP, YOUR HONOR! KICK OUT THE CRATES, AND DELIVER 'EM TO THE IMPERIALS STONE COLD.
GOOD, GOOD. IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE WE HAD A HANGING, SHERIFF. A BIT OF SPECTACLE AWAYS PLEASES THE CITIZENRY, EH?

AW, MAN...

HOW'D I GET MYSELF INTO THIS FIX...?

OH BOY, WE HAVEN'T HAD A HANGING IN AGES!

HEY, YOU-- THE DOPEY ONE! CAN YOU SING OR DANCE OR SOMETHING BEFORE YOU SWING?!

YAHOO!

EAT MY SHORTS, DIRTBALL!!

DO SOMETHING, MIAN!

I GUESS WE ARE, AREN'T WE...?

AT THIS RATE, WE'RE OFF TO SEE OUR MAKER!

SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? THIS PLANET'S DOOMED, ANYWAY.

SAY WHAT?

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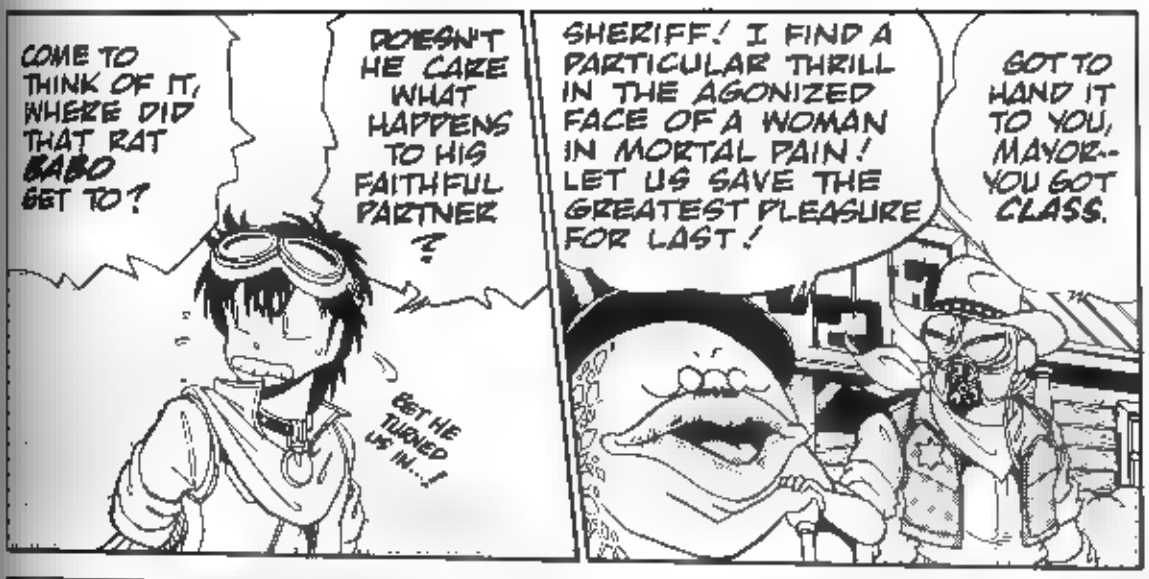
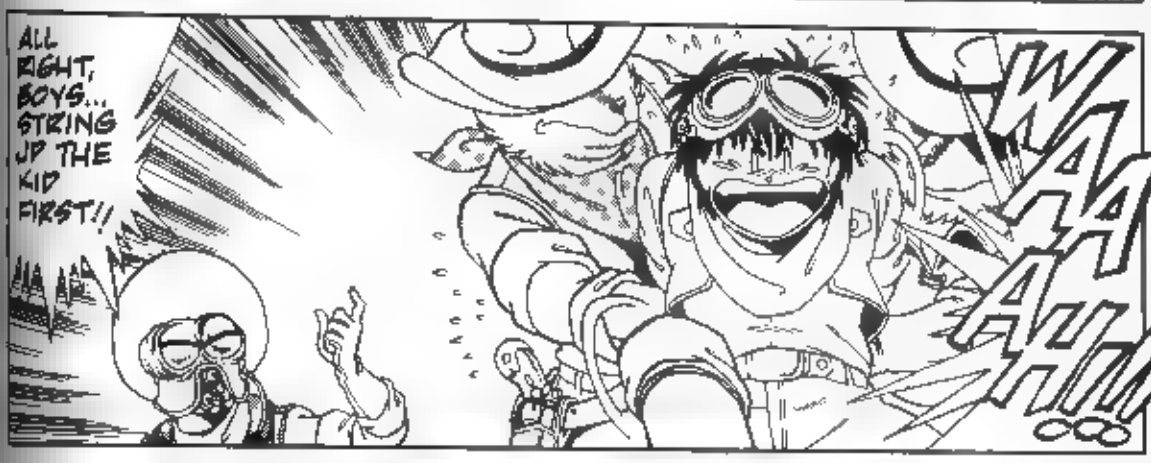
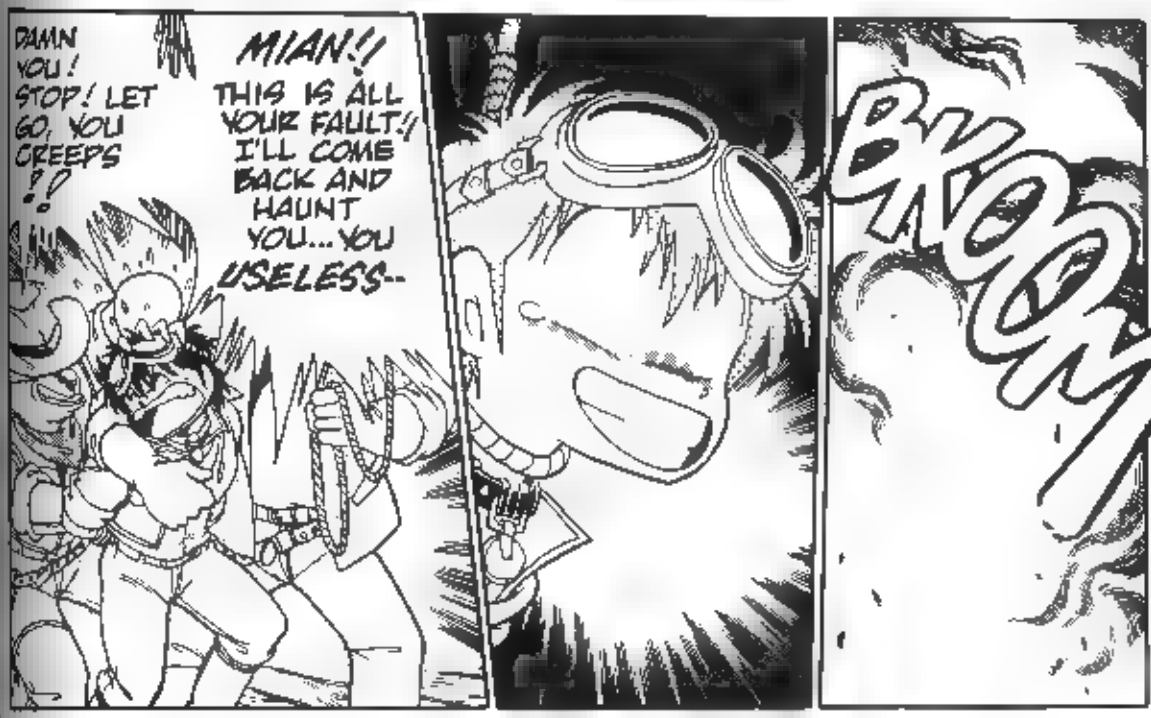
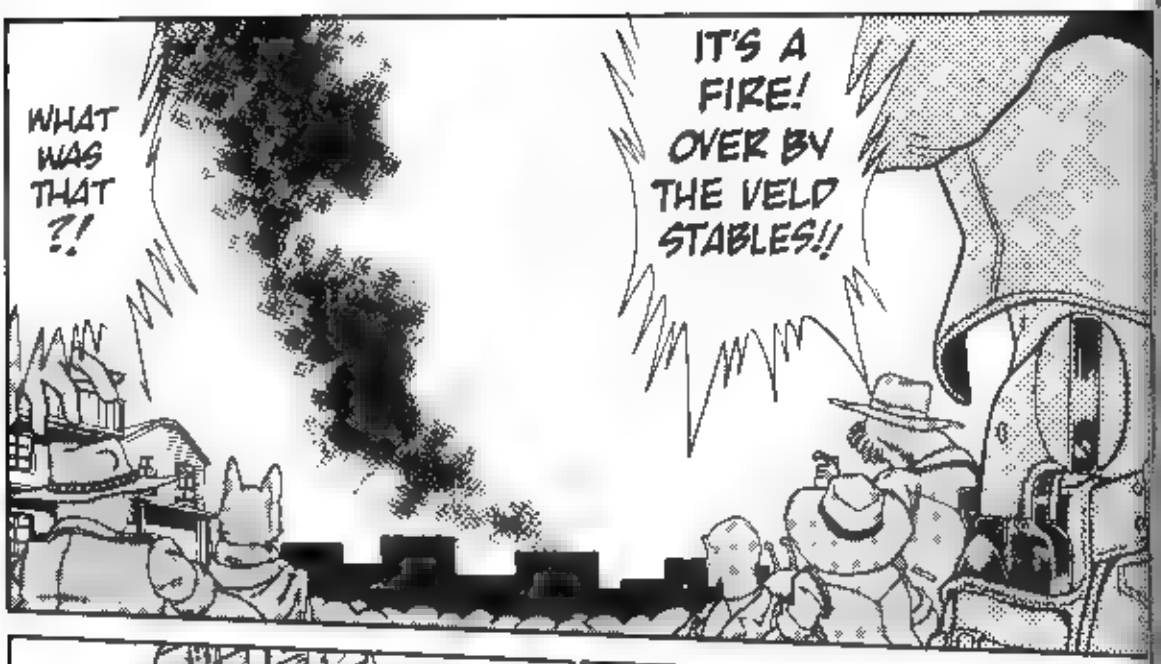
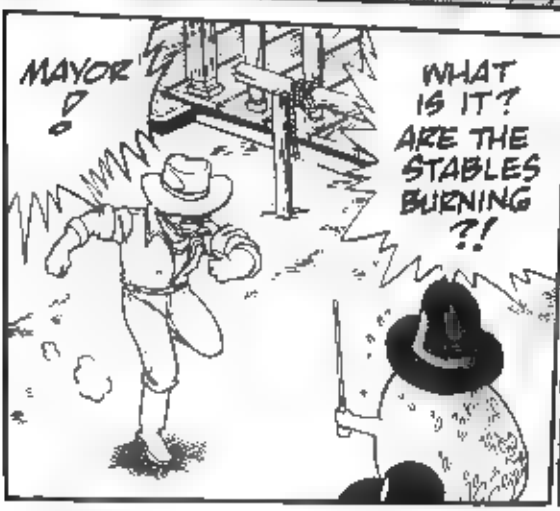
NOTHIN' NOTHIN' AT ALL.

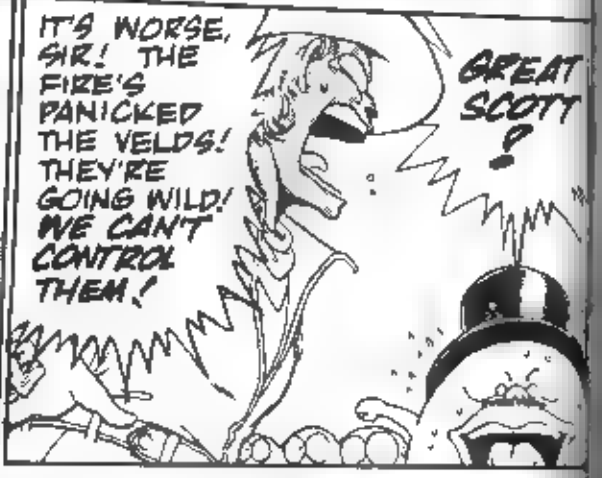

COME TO THINK OF IT, WHERE DID THAT RAT BABO GET TO?
DOESN'T HE CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO HIS FAITHFUL PARTNER?
GET HE TURNED US IN...!
SHERIFF! I FIND A PARTICULAR THRILL IN THE AGONIZED FACE OF A WOMAN IN MORTAL PAIN! LET US SAVE THE GREATEST PLEASURE FOR LAST!
GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU, MAYOR-- YOU GOT CLASS.

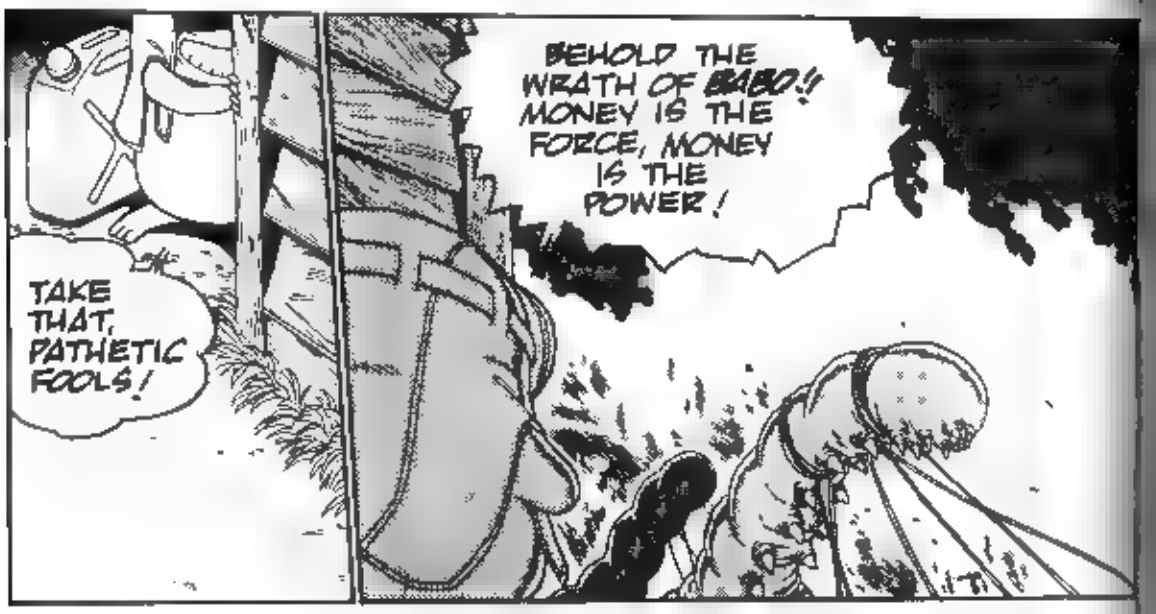

ALL RIGHT, BOYS... STRING UP THE KID FIRST!!
WAAAAH!!!


DAMN YOU! STOP! LET GO, YOU CREEPS!!
MIAN!! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!! I'LL COME BACK AND HAUNT YOU... YOU USELESS--
BKOOM!


WHAT WAS THAT ?!
IT'S A FIRE! OVER BY THE VELD STABLES!!


MAYOR !
WHAT IS IT? ARE THE STABLES BURNING ?!


IT'S WORSE, SIR! THE FIRE'S PANICKED THE VELDS! THEY'RE GOING WILD! WE CAN'T CONTROL THEM!
GREAT SCOTT !


BEHOLD THE WRATH OF BABO!! MONEY IS THE FORCE, MONEY IS THE POWER!
TAKE THAT, PATHETIC FOOLS!

GRRRRR

YAIEE!

ELEEKKI
SPLAPPA
SHERIFF! DO SOMETHING! ANYTHING!
LIKE HALT?!
HUH?!

YO!
BABO ?!
YOU POLECAT !?
!
WHUD
WHRAK
THANKS, BABO! YOU SAVED OUR LIVES!
RIGHT, RIGHT! NOW LET'S ESCAPE IN ALL THE CONFUSION, KIDDIES!

AFTER THEM!! THEY'RE ESCAPING !!

WHAT?! YOU GET THAT FIRE, BABO?!

I THOUGHT MAYBE I COULD HELP YOU DURING THE PANIC.
WOW... I'M IMPRESSED!

THIS IS A CHANGE--I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU MOVE YOUR BUTT FOR ANYTHING EXCEPT COLD HARD CASH.

HOW CAN YOU SAY SOMETHING SO CRUEL ?!

YOU AND I ARE TRUE AMIGOS, DEAR WATARU, BOUND BY INSEPARABLE BONDS OF BROTHERHOOD!

MONEY CANNOT BUY TRUE FRIENDSHIP, MY BOY!

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STILL, IT SURE FELT GOOD SETTING THAT FIRE--ALL MY FRUSTRATIONS SOLVED BY A SINGLE LITTLE MATCH!!

I ♡ ARSON!

AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

YEAH... JUST WHY WERE YOU SO FRUSTRATED, HMM?

URK!

ER...UM... OH, N-NOTHING SPECIAL, HEH HEH, JUST...WELL, HEH-HEH...

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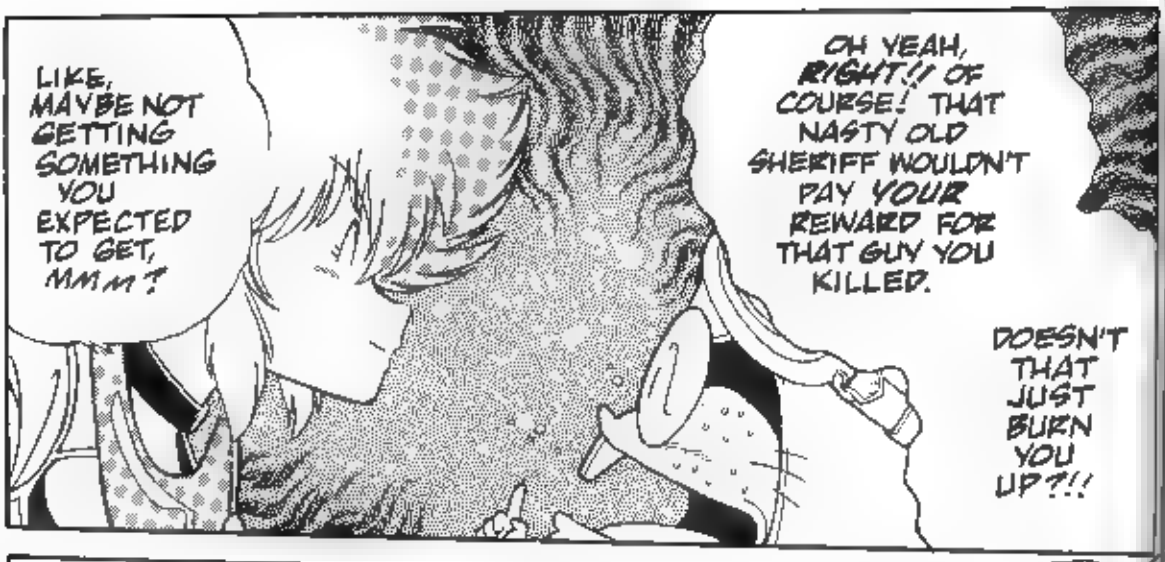
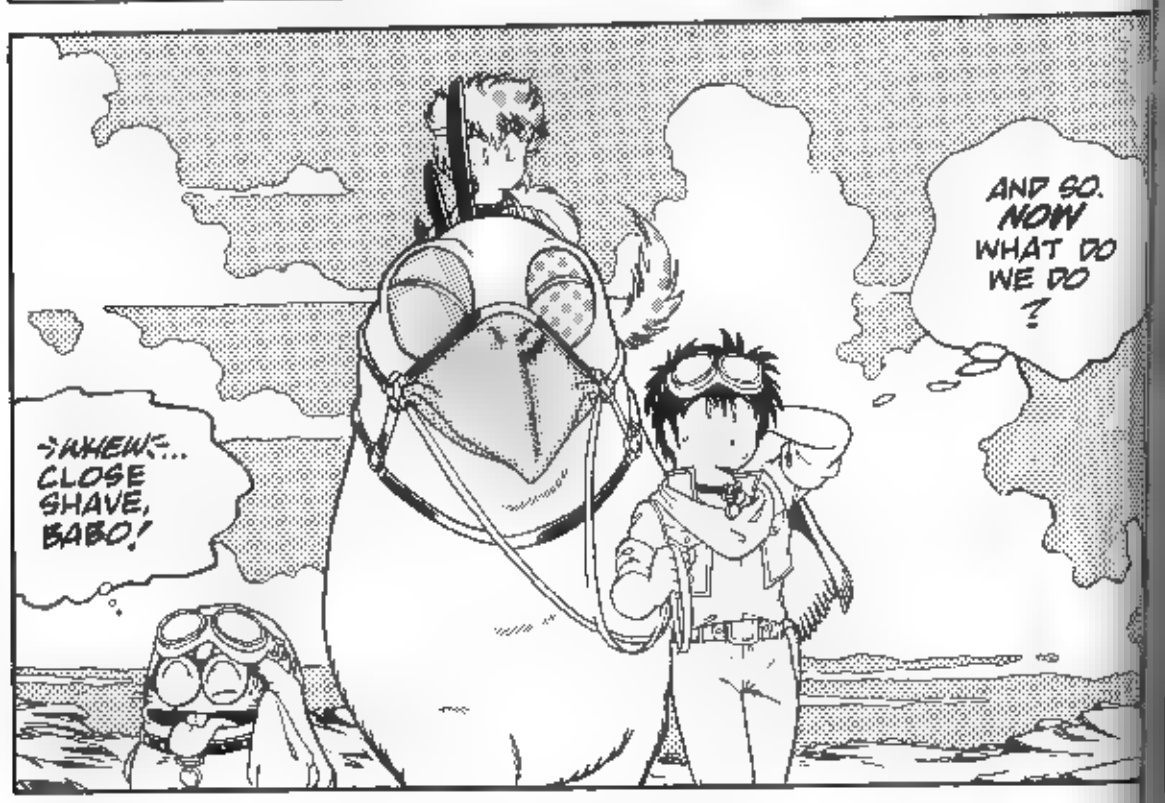
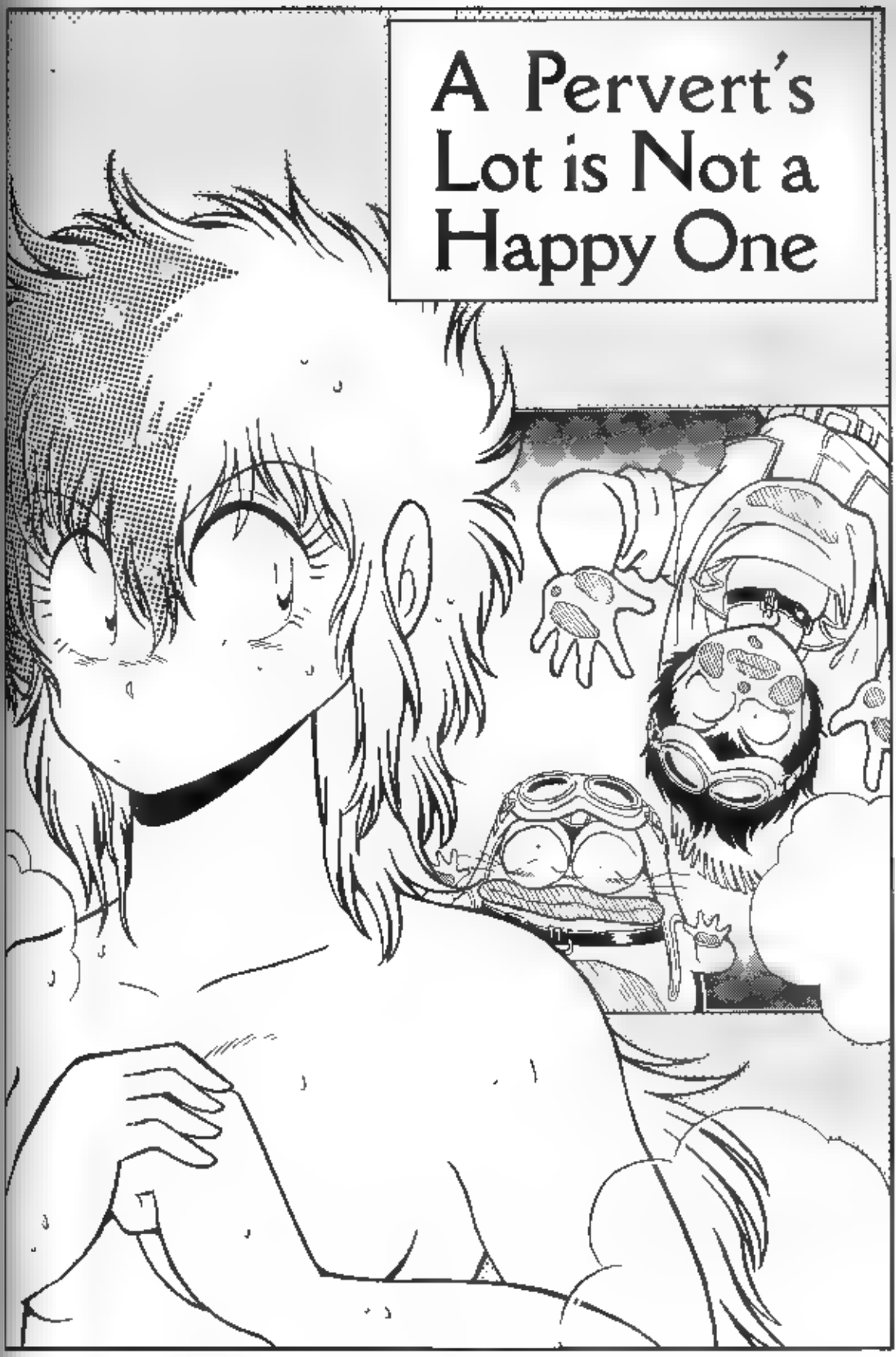

LIKE, MAYBE NOT GETTING SOMETHING YOU EXPECTED TO GET, MMM?
OH YEAH, RIGHT!! OF COURSE! THAT NASTY OLD SHERIFF WOULDN'T PAY YOUR REWARD FOR THAT GUY YOU KILLED.
DOESN'T THAT JUST BURN YOU UP?!!

I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND-- HOW CAN SOME PEOPLE BE SO STINGY?!
HMPH! FORGET I EVEN ASKED!


AND SO. NOW WHAT DO WE DO?
-SHEW-... CLOSE SHAVE, BABO!


A Pervert's Lot is Not a Happy One

VNNVNNVNNVNN

SHREEE

ALL HAIL TO THE EMPRESS SHION!

HIGHNESS!
HAD TIME TO PREPARE A PROPER WELCOME--

OUT OF TIME COMMANDER! I CAN

YOUR HIGHNESS!
I CRAVE YOUR FORGIVENESS. I HAVE LOST ONE OF THE EMPIRE'S PRECIOUS WARSHIPS..
WE WERE WITHIN A HAIR'S BREADTH OF CAPTURING MIAN TORIS! JUST A FEW MOMENTS LONGER AND--
.....
.....
WHF
CHOK

AAA!
YUP.
APOLOGIES, LEFTENANT COMMANDER BARDUM
STOP THAT GAUL-- YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR CHARACTER WHEN YOU EAT OVERLOAD
CONFOUND IT CAN'T ANY OF YOU MEN DO ANYTHING RIGHT?!

EVER SINCE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FIRST SEARCH EXPEDITION, WE HAVE RECEIVED NO DISPATCHES FROM ANY OF OUR SCOUTS MY LADY.

WE BELIEVE SHE HAS GONE TO GROUND SOMEWHERE, PERHAPS IN ONE OF THE NEARBY CITIES.

EVERY TOWN AND VILLAGE IS AWASH WITH REFUGEES NO DOUBT SHE IS PRETENDING TO BE PART OF THE EXODUS

OF COURSE, WE ARE CLOSELY MONITORING EVERY ROAD AND HIGHWAY. THE MOMENT SHE MOVES, WE'LL HAVE HER

IT SHOULDN'T BE HARD TO TRACK DOWN THE THREE OF THEM

THREE ?!

SHE'S TRAVELLING WITH TWO MALES YOUR HIGHNESS. A *TAUR* AND AN *AKOGI*. THEY'VE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE SHE FLED EKODA

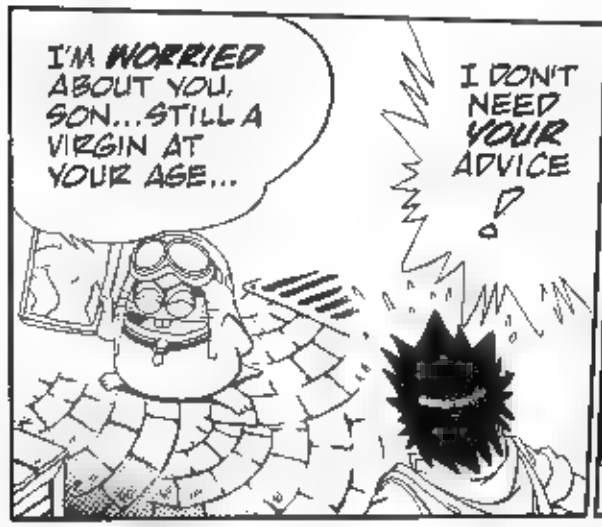
I SEE...
SO THEY WILL BE HER SPECIMENS..
"SPECIMENS" MY LADY. ?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT ?
YOU ALL UNDERSTAND SOON ENOUGH !
SIR! THE SECOND SEARCH EXPEDITION IS READY TO DEPART !
VERY WELL !
SO THEN... YOU'RE REALLY GOING THROUGH WITH IT

NOT BAD, NOT BAD AT ALL! NOT FOR 200 DD A DAY, TWO MEALS INCLUDED.
I LIKE IT!
AAHH. A GIRL NEEDS A SOFT BED NOW AND THEN!
OF COURSE, 'S A BIT ROUGH ON THOSE TWO CLOWNS.
BUT WHO CARES!
FIRST A HOT BATH, AND THEN CHOW!

OH, SURE! "WE'RE STAYING IN A HOTEL TONIGHT!" YEAH, RIGHT!
THROWING US OUT IN THE STREET JUST BECAUSE THEY ONLY HAD A SINGLE ROOM!
THOUGH GOD KNOWS, I'M USED TO ROUGHING IT...
HEY, BABO-- WHAT'S THAT YOU GOT?
EHEH, HEH- JUST TAKE A PEEK, MY BOY
HRMPH!

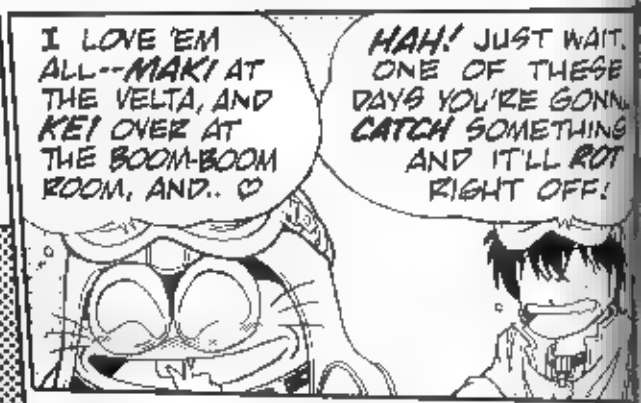
WOW!
PRETTY GOOD, EH? EH?! I FOUND IT IN THE TRASH OVER THERE.
THIS STUFF IS HOT! THEY'RE SHOWING EVERYTHING!
CHECK OUT THIS OLIPHARA BABE--TASTY, EH, LADDIE?!
NATARU, MY BOY, AS SOON AS I MAKE ME SOME REAL MONEY I'M STARTING A HAREM!
IT'LL BE BABES, BABES, BABES... DAY AND NIGHT!

TELL YOU WHAT... WHEN I START MY HAREM, I'LL LET ONE OF THE GIRLS BREAK YOU IN--HOW ABOUT IT?!
WHAT?!
THANKS BUT NO THANKS!


I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU, SON...STILL A VIRGIN AT YOUR AGE...
I DON'T NEED YOUR ADVICE!

I'M NOT LIKE YOU, BABO! I DON'T FALL FOR EVERY MASSAGE-PARLOR POOCH YOU CAN BUY FOR FIVE D.D.!
OOH! HOW DARE YOU!

PROFESSIONAL GIRLS ARE THE VERY BEST!


I LOVE 'EM ALL--MAKI AT THE VELTA, AND KEI OVER AT THE BOOM-BOOM ROOM, AND..
HAH! JUST WAIT. ONE OF THESE DAYS YOU'RE GONNA CATCH SOMETHING AND IT'LL ROT RIGHT OFF!

HMM...NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, IT STINGS SOMETHING FIERCE WHEN I--
I DON'T WISH TO KNOW THAT!

BUT SERIOUSLY, NOW, NATARU...
HUH ?
. DON'T YOU THINK MIAN'S GOT A GREAT BUTT ?!
WHOK!!!
WHAT TH-- WHAT THE HELL BROUGHT THAT ON ?!
NO, REALLY-- I THINK SHE'S GOT A DYNAMITE BOD
WHAT'S THE MATTER-- AREN'T YOU INTO THAT?
I DON'T CARE HOW SHE LOOKS! SHE'S GOT THE PERSONALITY OF A VIPER !
YOU'RE NAIVE, BOY! YOU CAN ALWAYS CHANGE THAT!
NOW DIDN'T THE YOUNG LADY SAY SOMETHING ABOUT... TAKING A BATH ?
WHAT ARE YOU--
....
....
HEE HEE HEE HEE
WELL ?!
WELL ?!

RIGHT! NOW FOR THAT NICE HOT BATH!
TA-DAAA!
SHRECK
IS THIS SOME KIND OF JOKE ?!

HELLO?! I WANT TO SPEAK TO THE MANAGER!!
WHAT THE HELL KIND OF BATHTUB IS THAT?!
♫YOU HAVE REACHED OUR AUTOMATED ANSWERING SYSTEM NO ONE CAN ANSWER THE PHONE AT THIS TIME.
♫PLEASE LEAVE YOUR NAME AND MESSAGE AFTER THE BEEP AND WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU AS--
WHO EVER HEARD OF A FRONT DESK WITH A STINKIN' ANSWERING MACHINE?!
NOK NOK
GOOD EVENING, MA'AM!
SPECIAL ROOM SERVICE AT YOUR COMMAND!
"ROOM SERVICE"...?! I DIDN'T ORDER ANYTHING!
WELL, UH, ER .THIS IS SPECIAL ROOM SERVICE.
AT THIS HOTEL WE WASH OUR GUESTS' BACKS IN THE BATH AS A FREE BONUS, MA'AM!
AND, IF YOU PLEASE, WE CAN WASH THE FRONT, TOO--

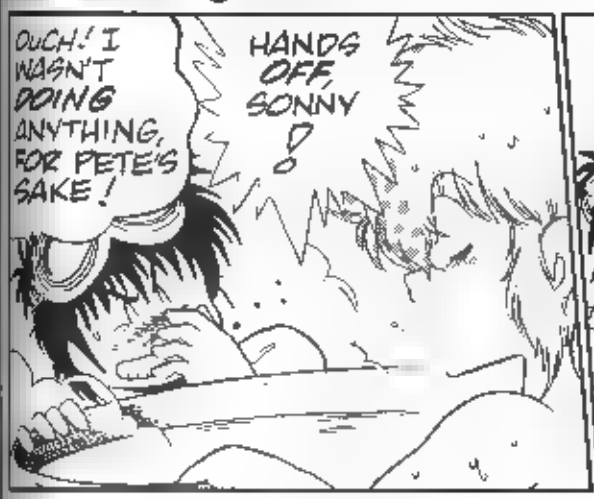
YOU CALL THAT A DISGUISE ?!!
WRAKK
GEE, AND I THOUGHT IT WAS PERFECT...
NUMB-SKULL!
BUT HEY... I WASN'T JOKING ABOUT WASHING YOUR--
NO THANK YOU!
DAMN IT ALL, ANYWAY-- THAT CREEP BABO WAS SUPPOSED TO BACK ME UP...
ALL HE SAID WAS THAT HE WANTED TO DO IT HIS WAY.

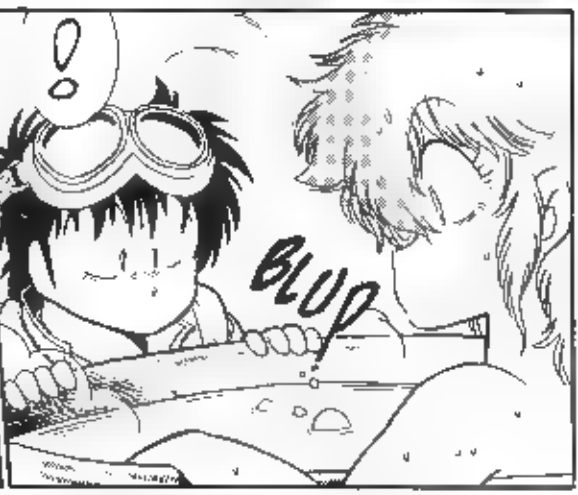
HEY, ISN'T IT HOT ENOUGH YET? I'M GONNA PASS OUT, DAMMIT!

KEEP BLOWING ON THAT FIRE, BOY. IT'S STILL LUKEWARM.

I DON'T BELIEVE IT-- LEMME SEE. .
HMM... THIS MUST BE YOUR LEG..

SMAK!


OUCH! I WASN'T DOING ANYTHING, FOR PETE'S SAKE!
HANDS OFF, SONNY!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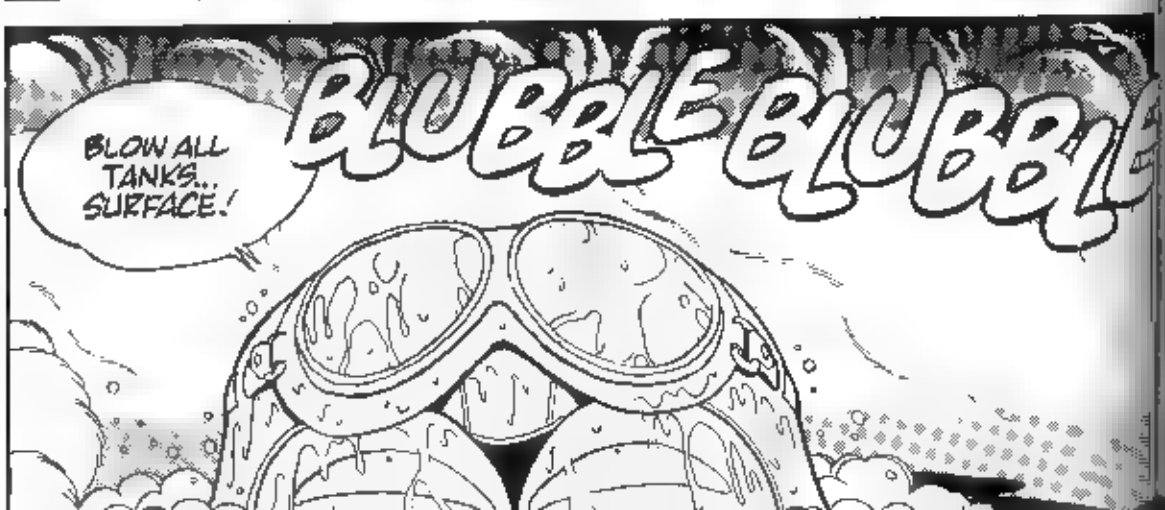
BLUP

BLUP
BLUP
BLRK

SBLOP!

AH-HAH!!

NO! I DIDN'T! IT WASN'T ME!



OH, BOY, WHAT A RELIEF!!
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OUT WE GO..
AHHH. THAT FELT GREAT!
ALL RIGHT, YOU, LITTLE TROLL--

KRAK KRAK
OH MY GOD! RUN FOR IT BABO-- SHE'S GONNA KILL YOU!
!
BEHOLD !!
FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER !
FULL FRONTAL PICS OF MIAN TORIS !!

HAAA!?
HOW DARE YOU, YOU PERVERTED CREEP! GIVE ME THOSE!!
POLLFLT!
I SAID GIVE THEM TO ME!!
SKRASH
WHOR
THUD
NYAAH! CATCH ME IF YOU CAN!
WAY TO GO, BABO! I'LL TAKE THREE SETS!! MAKE EM 8X10 GLOSSYS!
DEATH-DEFYING UNDERWATER PHOTOGRAPHY LIKE THAT COMES EXPENSIVE, MY BOY!
GAG
PANT
RRGG... NGG... RRGH!
UH-OH--

WAAAAHHH!!!
HUH?
SHE... SHE'S CRYING!!!
Y-YOU'RE RIGHT..
NOW WHAT'RE YOU GOING TO DO, BABO?! YOU MADE HER CRY! IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
EGAD, PROFESSOR. A TOTALLY UNFORESEEN REACTION!
RIGHT-- I'M OUGHTA HERE!
HEY WAIT. COME BACK HERE!

WAAH
AHUH
AHUH!
WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO? WHAT DO YOU DO AT TIMES LIKE THIS..?
UH... HEY! DON'T CRY! IT'S NOT THAT BAD
IT'S JUST A BAD JOKE, EH? I MEAN, YOU KNOW BABO..
SNIFF
SOB
IT'S TOO LATE.
...I JUST KNOW IT. SOME EVIL MAN WILL GET THOSE PHOTOGRAPHS...
SNIFF
HE'LL THREATEN TO SPREAD THEM ALL OVER TOWN..
HE'LL FORCE ME TO SELL MY BODY...
MY PURE BODY AND HEART WILL BE SOILED, STAINED...
I HAVE TO KILL MYSELF-- IT'S THE ONLY WAY..
SNIFF
W-W-WAIT A MINUTE!
YOU'RE OVERREACTING-- HONEST! IT'S NOT THAT BAD!
OH PLEASE, WATARU, MY DARLING!! PLEASE GET THOSE PICTURES BACK FOR ME!
HUH? ME?!

OH, GOD, THAT GETS TO ME! A STRONG GIRL IN TEARS-- I CAN'T RESIST IT!
JUST LIKE ME! — Joji
I UNDERSTAND!
YOU JUST WANT THEM BACK, RIGHT?! WELL, DON'T YOU WORRY YOUR PRETTY LITTLE HEAD-- I'LL GET THEM!
-sniff-
YOU WILL ?!
OH, THANK YOU! I'M SO HAPPY!!
HEY, IT'S NOTHING! HEH-HEH...
I'LL BRING THEM RIGHT BACK FOR YOU, SO DON'T YOU EVEN THINK ABOUT SUICIDE OR NOTHING!
GOOD LUCK, MY DARLING DEAR!
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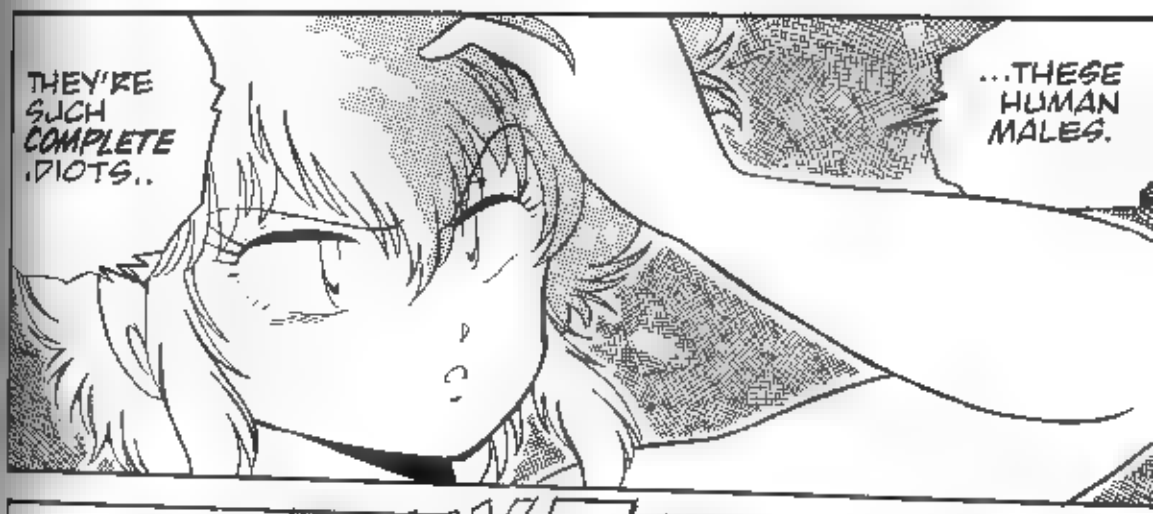
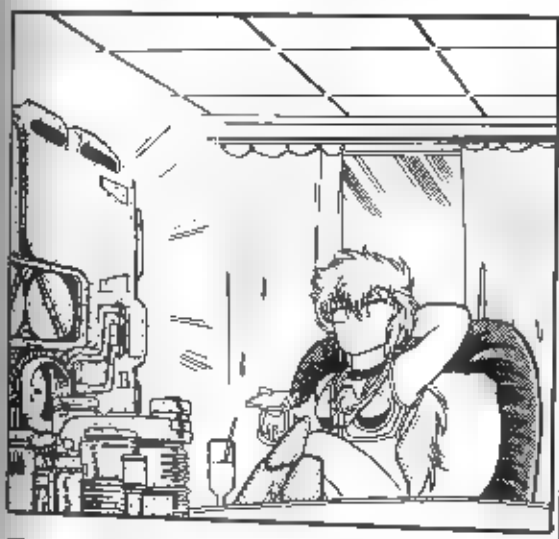

THEY'RE SUCH COMPLETE IDIOTS..
...THESE HUMAN MALES.

STOP RIGHT THERE, BABO! I'VE GOT YOU NOW! GIVE ME THOSE PICTURES! AND THE NEGATIVES!
WHAK
THUD
WHMP
SMAK
FMP
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING! YOU SHIT-FOR-BRAINS SCHMUCK!



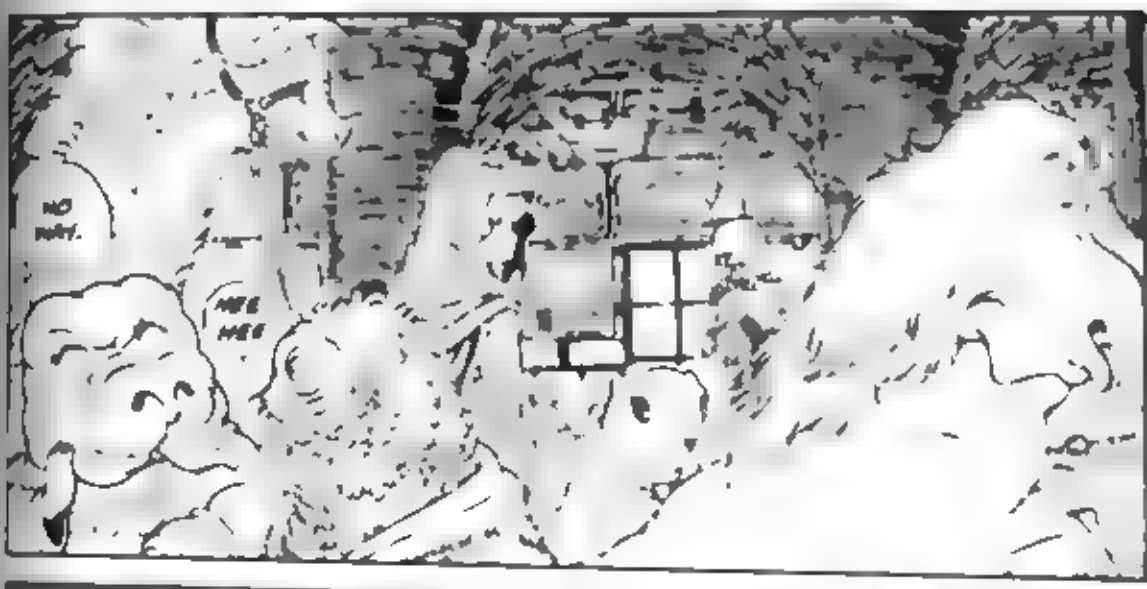
SLAM

I-I GOT THEM BACK, BY GOD!!
hahhh

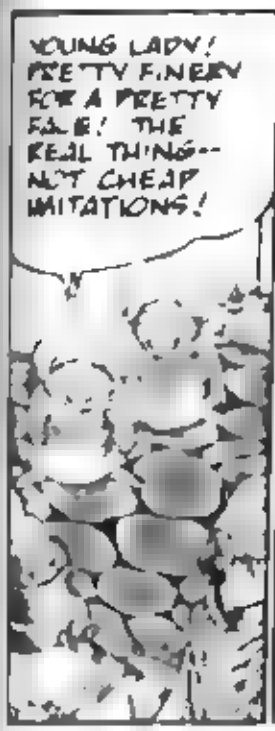
GOOD WORK !!
FWAP
MUS' BE A RELIEF, HUH...?
NOW YOU WON'T HAVE TO KILL Y'RSELF ANYMORE..
HUH ?
OH, RIGHT, RIGHT !
GUESS I SHOULD THANK YOU... !!
AW, SHUCKS.. I DON'T NEED ANY THANKS..
THIS ONE PRINT IS REWARD ENOUGH !!
CENSORED
SKRAASH!

The Arrival of Empress Shion

SO THAT'S THE PLACE
SAKEBAN TOWN
I AM HERE HERE
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. IT'S MAN!!
JUST WAIT A LITTLE LONGER, MY CHILD. THE EMPEROR WILL BE COMING TO TAKE YOU HOME
?!
SHOW


NO WAY.
WE WERE

HMPH IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME WORK TRACKING HER DOWN IN THIS CROWD.

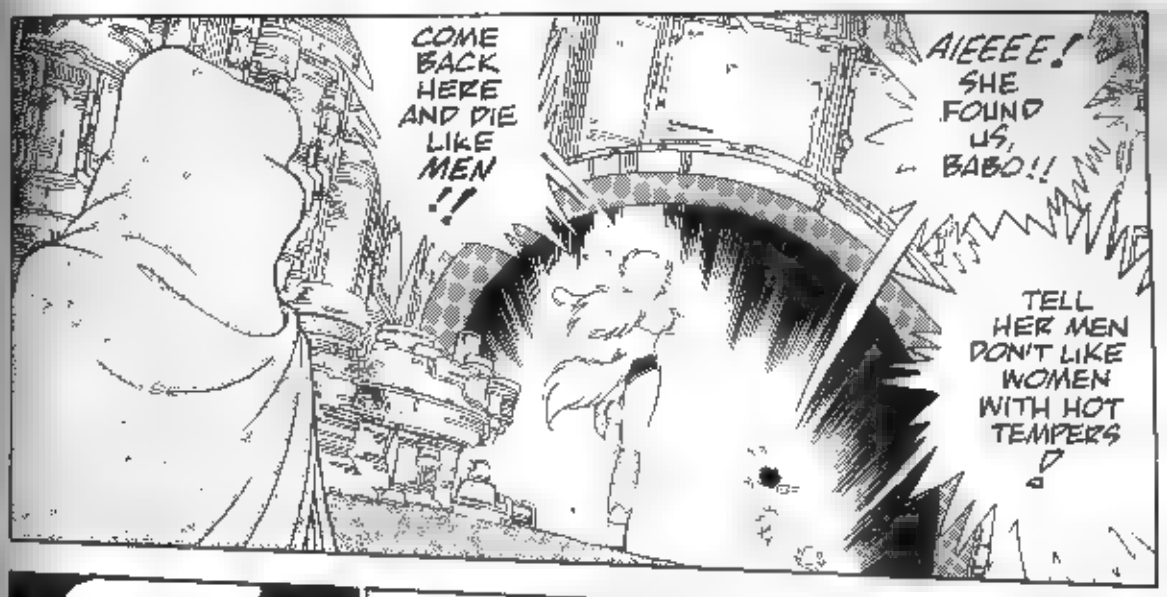

YOUNG LADY! PRETTY FINERY FOR A PRETTY FACE! THE REAL THING-- NOT CHEAP IMITATIONS!

G-GOOD LORD !!
SUCH AN EVIL EYE.

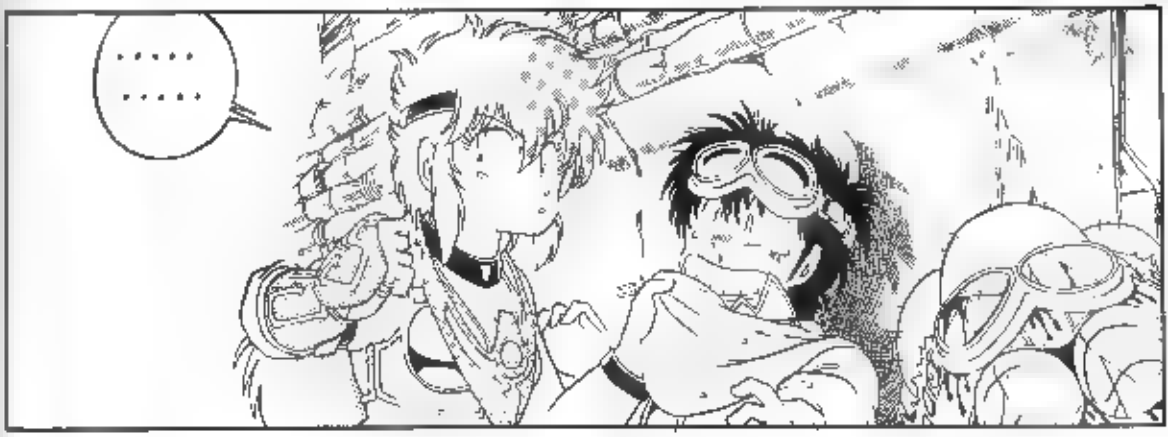
COMING THROUGH !!
COMING THROUGH, I SAY !!
DAMN IT, BABO! THIS IS ALL YOUR FAULT!
MY FAULT LIKE HELL, YOU GULLIBLE TWERP !!
HM ?
KWUDDY!
URGG...
IDIOT! DORK! PINHEAD!
OWWW! ERR.. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, MAAM?
SORRY ABOUT THAT, BUT--

WATARU! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING?! WE GOTTA RUN!!
OH, YEAH, UH...
HONEST, MAAM -- SORRY!
HEY!
HEY, YOU! JUST A--
WHERE THE HELL ARE THEY?!

PREPARE FOR SUDDEN DEATH, YOU TWO CREEPS!


COME BACK HERE AND DIE LIKE MEN !!
AIEEEE! SHE FOUND US, BABO!!
TELL HER MEN DON'T LIKE WOMEN WITH HOT TEMPERS !

MIAN...?!
HOW DARE YOU YANK MY TAIL, YOU LITTLE--
IT WAS BABO! HE SAID IT WAS FAKE!
DID NOT DID NOT! JUST SAID MAYBE, I SAID!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GREAT! THROWN OUT OF THE HOTEL AGAIN!
NOT QUITE, WATARU-- THIS TIME IT'S COLD!!
WE'RE RIGHT BACK TO WHERE WE STARTED.
SHEE-IT I HATE WINTER CAMPING.
ALAS, A GLOOMY NEW YEAR.
-:sighh:-
USUALLY I'D BE RAKING IT IN THIS TIME OF YEAR
AW, KNOCK IT OFF, ALREADY THERE ISN'T ANYTHING LEFT TO SELL ANYHOW!
NEVER SAY IT LAD! AN AKOGI DOESN'T GIVE UP! "WE'RE ALL BORN BUCK NAKED," AS MY DEAR PAPA USED TO SAY!

HERE YOU GO, DEARIE.. JUST THE WAY YOU LIKE THEM.
MMM, FEEL THAT HEAT ♡
NOTHING BETTER FOR A COLD WINTER NIGHT!!
GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT!
GEE... MAYBE I OVERDID IT, KICKING THEM OUT WITHOUT A DD ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS?
MAYBE I SHOULD SHARE THIS W.TH THEM...?
YOU'VE GONE SOFT MIAN.
TAP
STILL, EVEN IF WATARU IS JUST A HARMLESS DRIP..
.. THAT BABO IS GETTING TOO BIG FOR HIS BRITCHES!

NOT EVEN NOTICING I WAS TAILING YOU...
I KNEW YOU WERE THERE.
I WAS JUST IGNORING YOU
WERE YOU REALLY
SO THOSE TWO CLOWNS ARE YOUR FAITHFUL RETAINERS?"
NOT EXACTLY SUPERHERO MATERIAL ARE THEY ?
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS LEAVE THEM ALONE!
I DON'T THINK I CAN DO THAT YOU SEE. I'M HERE TO TAKE YOU HOME
HOW VERY THOUGHTFUL OF YOU !!
AND SO.
SHALL WE BE GOING ?

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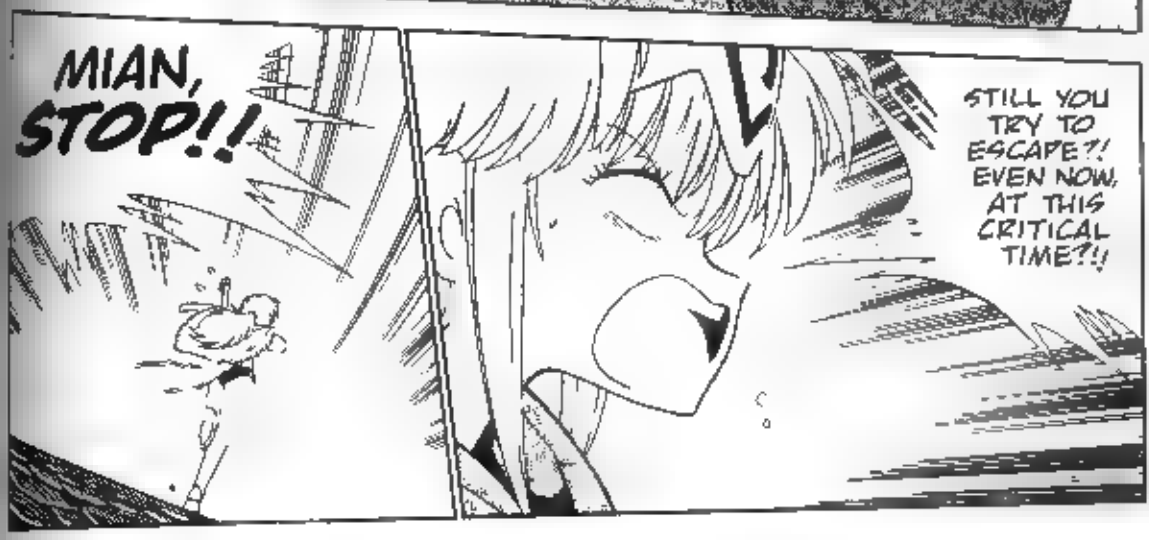

MIAN, STOP!!
STILL YOU TRY TO ESCAPE?! EVEN NOW, AT THIS CRITICAL TIME?!!

OUCH! HOT HOT HOT!
WHAT'S TAKING YOU SO LONG, WATARU?! THIRTY MORE, ON THE DOUBLE!
DON'T BLAME ME IF YOU GET CAUGHT.
WHAT, ME WORRY?
THEY'RE PERFECT BODY-WARMER PACKS.

PERFECT, HUH? PLASTIC BAGS OF HOT WATER WRAPPED IN OLD RAGS? THEY'LL BE STONE COLD IN TWENTY MINUTES
SSSSHHH!! THE CUSTOMERS'LL HEAR YOU!
YOU'RE RIGHT OF COURSE BUT HEY, BY THEN WE'LL BE LONG GONE!
OH IT'S SO NICE AND WARM! ♡
NOTHING LIKE WARMER PACKS TO BEAT THE CHILL!
STEP RIGHT UP! BUY A BABO-PAK! DOUBLE THE HEAT, HALF THE PRICE! JUST 100!
NYAHAHA, IT'S SMALL CHANGE, I KNOW.
BUT SINCE I MAKE THEM FROM TRASH IT'S ALL PROFIT!! LOVELY PROFIT.
HEY! BABO!! NATARU!!
HUH?
OH GREAT.. HERE SHE COMES.

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK UPSET..
I'LL TELL YOU LATER! JUST GRAB OUR GEAR, DOUBLE-QUICK! WE'VE GOT TO CLEAR OUT: NOW!!

YOU WANT TO LEAVE NOW? BUT YOU SAID WE HAD UNTIL MORNING--
DAMN STRAIGHT! I'VE GOT A THRIVING BUSINESS TO PROTECT, HERE!

AH ?!
SPLUSSH

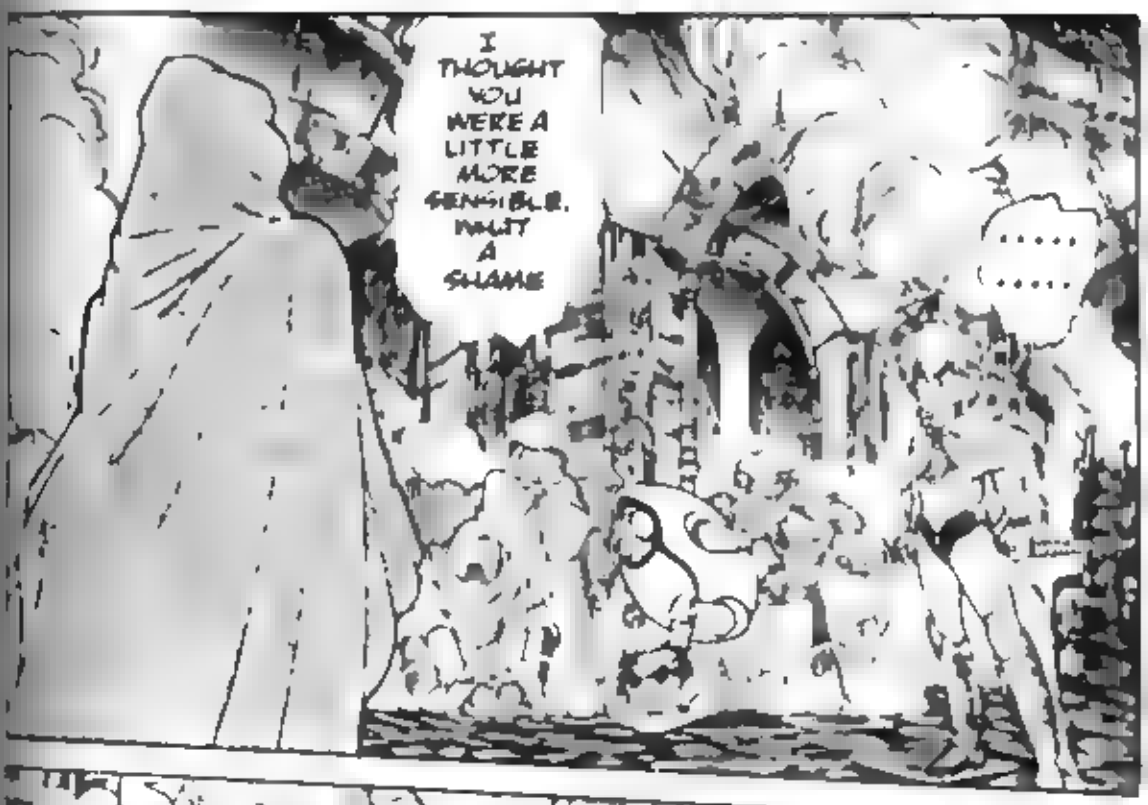
EEEEK! WHAT IS THIS! IT'S LEAKING!!
!!

WHAT THE HECK? THERE'S NOTH.N BUT WATER INSIDE!
YOU'RE RIGHT! NO WONDER THEY'RE SO DAMN CHEAP!

B-BABO! THE CAT'S OUTTA THE BAG!
OH DEARIE ME..

KILL THE FAKERS!!!

W-W-WAIT! WE CAN EXPLAIN-!!
TO HELL WITH THAT!
GIVE BACK MY MONEY!
YOU LOUSY SCUM!
OH, MAAN!
WHOO
KRNCH
FWAK
WHOX
MIAN!
YOU CANT ESCAPE ME, MIAN!


I THOUGHT YOU WERE A LITTLE MORE SENSIBLE. WHAT A SHAME
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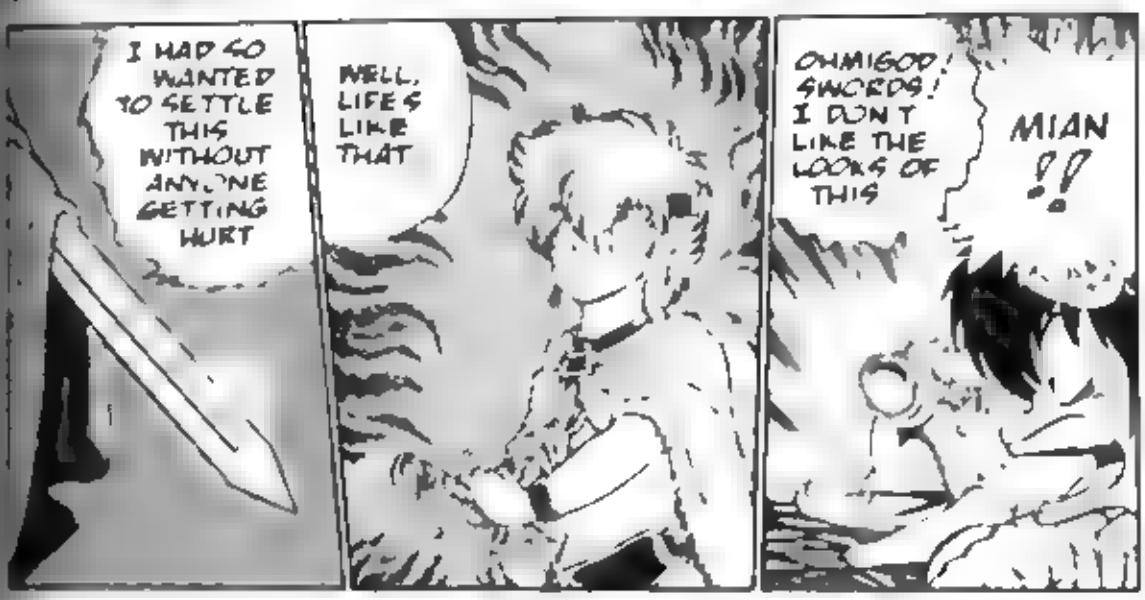
HEY NATARU-- LOOK!
IT'S HER AGAIN !!


I HAD SO WANTED TO SETTLE THIS WITHOUT ANYONE GETTING HURT
WELL, LIFE'S LIKE THAT
OHMIGOD! SWORDS! I DON'T LIKE THE LOOKS OF THIS
MIAN !!

YOU NEVER GIVE UP, DO YOU?!
IF I MUST TAKE YOU BY FORCE THEN SO BE IT!
KSHAWANG
YOU STILL REALLY THINK..
.. YOU CAN BE A BREAKER ?!!

KANGG SHINGG
HEY! WATCH IT!!
FIGHT! FIGHT!
CHECK OUT THE CATFIGHT!!
WHOOF. I'M GETTING TOO OLD FOR THIS.
THAT IDIOT! SHE'S STARTED ANOTHER FIGHT!
KRANGG!
NOW SHE'S REALLY DONE IT!
WHO IS THAT WOMAN, ANYWAY..?
HEY, WATARU! WANNA LAY BETS ON WHO WINS?!

HOW CAN YOU EVEN THINK OF THAT, YOU GREEDY LITTLE GNOME?!
HEY WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? LET HER FIGHT IF SHE WANTS TO I'D PUT A 100 D.D. ON MIAN TO WIN!
DONE, MY MAN! GIMME 250 ON THE BLONDE CHICK!
HUH ?
300 D.D. ON THE REDHEAD!
400 ON BLONDIE!
500 ON THE FOXTAIL!
I'M FOR THE FOX! 300 D.D!
WELL, HECK-- 450 ON BLONDIE!
500 !
550 !
HEY! WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON ?!
LET'S SEE, 10% BROKER'S FEE.. 400 PLUS 250 PLUS .
HOLY COW! THIS IS SERIOUS DOUGH !!
STEP RIGHT UP! BABO'S BETTING PARLOR IS OPEN!!
GET IN NOW AND SAVE 2%! HEY, GAMBLE THE STASH! BE AN INSTANT MILLIONAIRE!

GO FOR IT, FOXTAIL! SWING THAT SWORD, BABY!
HAVE AT HER, BLONDIE! CUT HER TO PIECES!!
I GOT 300 D.D. RIDING ON YOU!

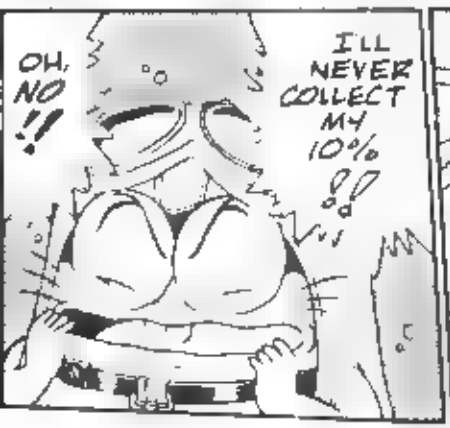
STOP THAT! WE'RE NOT A STINKIN' FREAK SHOW!!
HEY! WATCH WHAT YOU'RE DOIN', RED!!

EH?
SHRANNG
YEEK!
SKRASH

MIAN!
ARE ARE YOU OKAY ?!!
OUCH! I HURT MY BUTT!
WHY'S THIS TAKING SO LONG, MIAN?! ARE YOU REALLY TRYING TO KILL HER?
DAMN IT WATARU! NO HELPING!
IT SCREWS UP THE ODDS!
BOO! HISS!
AW, GET STUFFED!
HEY, WATARU!
EH?
JUST WHO THE HELL DID YOU BET ON?
ME?
UH, YES WELL
600 D.D. ON MIAN! NO, 800!!
THAT'S BETTER!
WATARU BETS 800 ON MIAN.

THIS IS THE END FOR YOU, MIAN !!!
YAIEE!
♪PWEEEET♪
OH, RATS! IT'S THE RIOT POLICE

HALT!! NAKED BLADES ON A PUBLIC THOROUGHFARE! DUELING IN DEFIANCE OF THE EDICTS!!
I ARREST YOU FOR VIOLATION OF CODE 09883 AND ANYTHING ELSE WE CAN THINK OF !!


OH, NO !!
I'LL NEVER COLLECT MY 10% !!

LISTEN UP, MEN! ARE YOU GOING TO LET THEM STOP A PRIZE FIGHT?!
GET THE PIGS !!

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YEAH!! COPPERS GO HOME !!
POLICE BRUTALITY !!

GBLURK !

KBAMF
YAGH!!
Pof
Pof
RUN FOR IT! TEAR GAS !!
YALE-AARRGH!
Koff
Koff
CHARGE!!
ARREST EVERYONE FOR OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE!!

C'MON, MIAN! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
Koff
Koff
WAIT! MIAN! COME BACK!
Koff
HALT IN THE NAME OF THE LAW! DROP YOUR WEAPON!

GRK
ACK
HKK
MIAN !!!
GET BACK HERE, MIAN !!!
DAMN... LOST HER AGAIN.
AS SLIPPERY AS ALWAYS, MIAN TORIS...
SHE'S FADING... I CAN'T SENSE HER.
SHE MUST BE HEADING OUT OF TOWN...

OUCH! OUCH!
IT HURTS, I'M TELLING YOU!
YOU CLUMSY OAF! CAN'T YOU BE MORE GENTLE?!
STOP YOUR WHINING!
JUST BE HAPPY YOU'RE NOT IN THE SLAMMER.
OH, WOE IS ME! MY SWEET MONEY'S ALL GONE, I GOT A BUMP ON MY HEAD...HAS THERE EVER BEEN A MORE WRETCHED DAY?!
HEY... WHERE'S MIAN?
IF WE'RE LUCKY, MAYBE SHE'S DEAD AND ROTTING SOMEWHERE.
WATCH YOUR MOUTH!!
AH, THERE YOU ARE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
COME OVER BY THE FIRE AND GET WARM!!

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I DUNNO, BABO...SHE'S ACTING KINDA STRANGE...

FORGET HER, BOY. FORGET HER.
SHE'S JUST PISSED OFF. SHE COULDN'T KILL SOMEBODY.

WHAT INTERESTS ME, THOUGH, IS HOW YOU'RE RUNNING AROUND WITH YOUR NOSE IN HER TAIL.
YOU FALLING IN LOVE, BOY? EH? EH?!!
DON'T BE A MORON!!

HE'S BLUSHING! VIRGIN-BOY IS BLUSHING!

GET OFF MY BACK !!!
CHIP

WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR?! YOU GAVE ME ANOTHER BUMP!!
YEAH, BUT ON YOU IT LOOKS GOOD!

HOLD STILL-- LEMME ADD ANOTHER
GET OFF !!
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SHION...
MIAN...THERE'S NOTHING OUT HERE FOR YOU BUT DESPAIR. COME BACK TO ME, MIAN.
BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...